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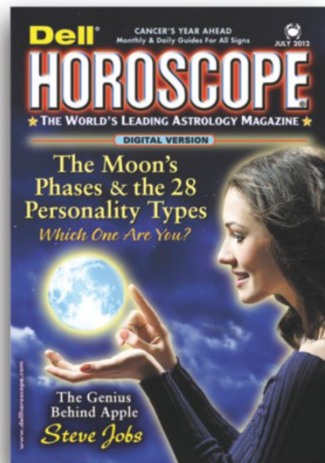
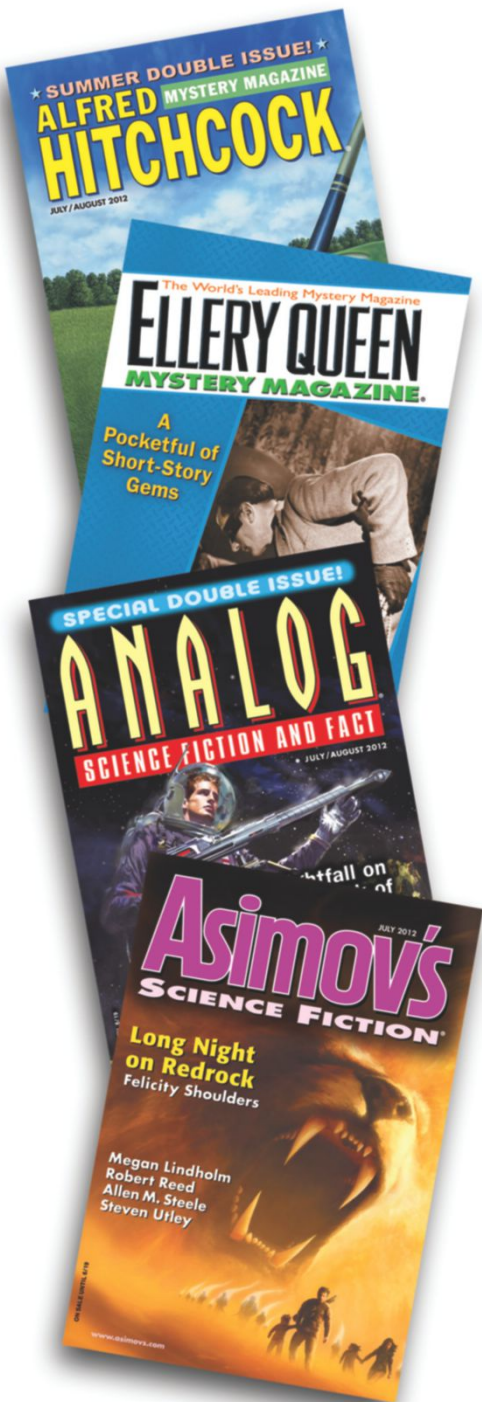
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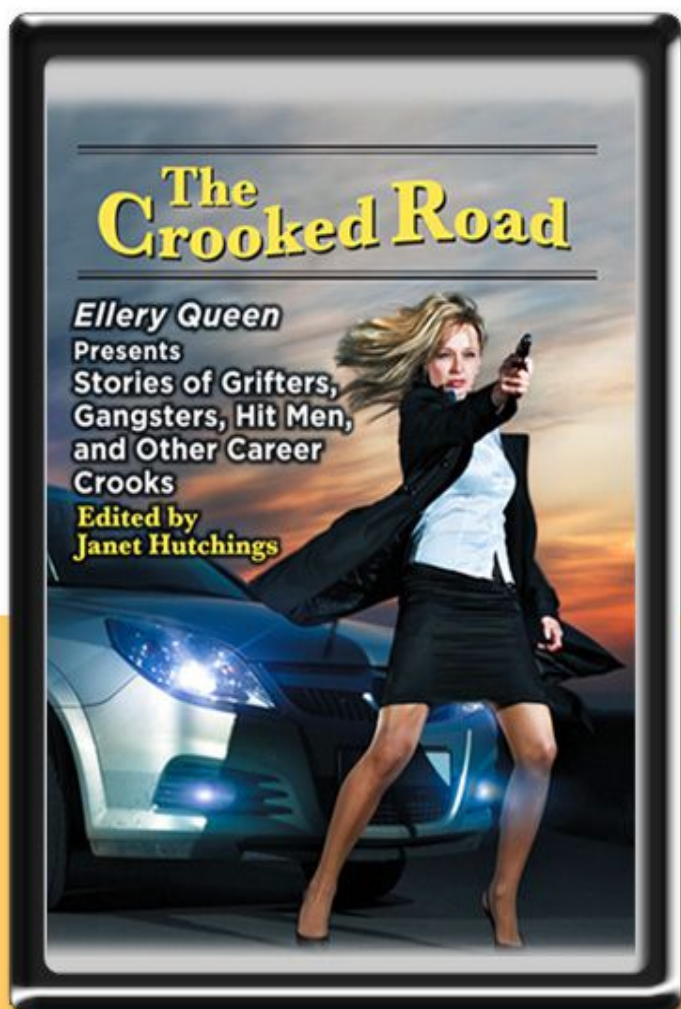
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SYLVIA, LIZ, AND MAYA

Dear Editor,

I liked Sylvia Browne ["Sylvia Brown: The Controversial Clairvoyant" by Nancy Frederick, June 2014]. I remember she said early in January 2008 that Obama would win the election. It surprised me, as I didn't think he would go very far. But Sylvia was right.

Not all of her predictions were correct, but some of them were uncannily correct.

Regarding Liz Greene [Letters to the Editor, December 2014], her book *Saturn: A New Look at an Old Devil*, changed my life—for the better! That is where I discovered the "Shadow Self." I was 23 at the time and very confused about my sexuality (Ascendant, Mercury, and Mars in Scorpio). As I read the book, light bulbs kept going off in my head one after another.

I didn't find the book demeaning to Venus in any way. Just impersonally talking about the various roles women play. Liz Greene is a great astrologer.

The article about Maya Angelou ["The Indomitable Spirit of Aries Maya An-

gelou," December 2014] was very good. Kim Rogers-Gallagher is an excellent astrologer. I differ with one thing. Kim spoke of a Buddhist teaching: that rebirth occurs within 49 days. Basic Buddhist teaching is that life is birth, suffering, and death, but, through meditation, one can reach nirvana and not have to reincarnate anymore, unless the soul chooses to do so.

Hilary

Santa Fe, New Mexico

WHAT GOES AROUND...

Dear Editor,

I have been reading your magazines for many decades and kept all of my issues since the 1970s, until I moved to the United Kingdom, where I had to give all of my copies away.

Upon my return to the States, a friend gave me a subscription to Dell HOROSCOPE and her copies of the magazine since 2003—and I am so delighted that she did. It proves the old saying, "What goes around comes around." What you do comes back to you!

I have found that you have greatly improved your magazine with more insightful articles through the decades. I have just finished reading your July 2007 issue where you have an article on Hillary Clinton versus Barack Obama.

I do hope that you will have more articles on who you think could be in the running to become the next president of the United States in 2016—and the people who you think do not have a chance to be in the running, because, with Uranus in Aries anything can happen.

Colleen Walsh

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Erotic Astrology

Venus, Mars & the Fifth House

by Sioux Rose



Who turns you on? Do you know why? Astrologers have been observing human nature and behavior for centuries. Many have concluded that Venus' natal chart placement determines the nature of each individual's romantic ideal. In other words, Venus demarcates what each of us is searching for when it comes to love. Mars plays a reciprocal role in portraying how we'll go about pursuing our desires, and that includes the object of said desires. It's not hyperbole to say that Astrology holds the keys to what turns us on. Read on if you dare...as the Erotic Secrets of the Zodiac are unveiled.

While there's probably no subject upon which astrology can't cast stellar light, when it comes to the laws of human attraction, Venus and Mars rule. Just as Christ selected twelve disciples, the zodiacal signs can be thought of as twelve quintessential notes. Each one holds and emits a particular vibrational frequency. Taken together they make the music of spheres. Just as birds use song to attract appropriate mates, Venus' emissions attract partners of a resonant frequency.



Of course, love means different things to different people. Still, a lot can be learned from studying the elemental placements of Venus and Mars. Basically, earth seeks stability; water seeks a secure emotional connection; air seeks someone who speaks its language; and fire seeks the stuff of enduring excitement.

Check the quality of contact made between the love stars, Venus and Mars. Even if a perfect positive aspect like the sextile, trine, or, in this particular case,



conjunction is not in place, secondary benefits arise if the love stars occupy compatible elements. That's a great start, since genuine affinity is born there.

Let's examine the specific ways that Venus and Mars take on other planetary hues in a process that simulates celestial alchemy. What signs do the love stars occupy, and what elements do they bring into play? Before we embark on this elemental journey, let's check the map for clues to the mystery of romance itself. What does the sign-signature placed on the fifth house convey in the way of love's particular story? The fifth house, modeled after Leo (the fifth zodiac sign), is the kingdom noted for its love of drama and related theatrical expressions. Following the logic of the zodiac, twelve archetypal themes underlay the plot structures that we, as individuals, actualize into our personally unique love stories.

WHAT LOVE STORY COMES TO LIFE FROM THE SIGN THAT GOVERNS YOUR FIFTH HOUSE?

If **Aries** governs the fifth house, love will be recognized—and lived as an adventure. The heat that makes for erotic passion will also generate plenty of border clashes between egos. Imprinted upon by the warrior, if there's no conflict, Aries will feel at a loss and unwittingly create one. This signature also suggests that love must be won through some form of conquest or competition. (In charts with afflictions to the fifth house, aggressive displays erupting between lovers are not to be ruled out.)

Should **Taurus** govern the fifth house, animal magnetism will intensify. Operating as if equipped with biological antennae, such persons will instinctively home in on sensually compatible partners. Love will

primarily be recognized as what feels good to the senses. Good cooking qualifies!

With **Gemini** placed on the fifth house, plenty of comparing and contrasting goes on. The mind steps in to analyze what the heart would otherwise directly feel. Then the *inner twins* go to work deliberating over all the reasons to love or not to love. This influence typically draws in two potential partners at the same time or partners who express marked duality and paradoxical traits. A dynamic mental affinity is what's primarily sought.

Cancer ruling the fifth house means that falling in love will likely involve or trigger what's familiar. Mate selection will often replicate the same dynamics found within the family of origin. When familiar feelings are elicited, this individual senses that he's found...or come home. Parents or relatives may play an instrumental role in bringing couples together. India's arranged marriages come to mind.

When **Leo** governs the fifth house, individuals unconsciously search for drama. If there's no immediate feeling of excitement, there's no basis for charged-up romantic feelings. Persons marked by this chart signature want love to be as glamorous as something found on the big screen or drawn directly from a Hollywood movie. This fifth-house influence prompts persons to pursue wildly uninhibited shows of passion.

If **Virgo** is found on the fifth house, love will directly involve acts of service. Its call may be experienced as the urge to heal, fix, or help. The Virgo imprint also engenders the search for perfection. In this

placement, the mind's critical nature gets into the act. The trend is to coach the would-be partner into improvements, if not a quest for impeccable excellence. Unfortunately, even well-meaning criticism can quickly quash romance.

Libra on the fifth house is ideal as it inclines love to operate like a dance between full and equal partners. The deftly balanced, elaborate moves that Fred Astaire shared with Ginger Rogers come to

mind. This bond will foster sharing, balance, fairness, and the pursuit of joint harmony. Needless to say, other factors will enter the chemical mix. If key planets found in the fifth house are under affliction, then challenges to Libra's marital ideal will arise.

With **Scorpio** found on the fifth house, sexual magnetism forms the basis for love's recognition. If the individual so marked clicks with another at a purely erotic level, she will exhibit possessiveness towards that potential long-term partner. Love can take on a "life or death" character. This chart signature also marks lovers destined to meet during times and places of war. Romantic ties facilitate major unforeseen transformations in persons who hold this chart signature.

If **Sagittarius** governs the fifth house, fitness, travel, and activities designed to expand the mind will pave the way to a shared affinity. The Centaur's influence over love's demarcated domain means that individuals so marked need their freedom. That could span anything ranging from a resistance to commitment and fidelity to such persons taking off on their own to do their own thing.

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Capricorn is a rather stern sign to govern the fifth house. Still, the Goat allots loyalty, status, and unguarded moments of raw lust. Capricorn is a private sign that deeply respects propriety and protocol. If trust is earned, the Goat will let down his guard and animal passion will express in quite notable ways. This position prefers that courtship move slowly. There is a marked distrust of anything (or anyone) too easily won.

Aquarius is the wild-card sign. In being unconventional, the Water Carrier at times even defies his own inborn characteristics! Typically given to rebellious, inventive, and iconoclastic behaviors, Aquarius can paradoxically come to embrace the conventional. Aquarius situated on the fifth house prompts persons to test society's boundaries. They may be drawn to bisexuality, date persons of different races, or sleep with friends and detach from lovers. Often what others regard as strange will attract them.

When **Pisces** rules the fifth house, love takes on a dreamy, diffusive quality. An individual so marked may lose her capacity to focus at the mere thought of her beloved. Keep in mind that two fish operate here. Individuals who choose the path of the higher fish (the one less traveled by) can reach spiritual states of atonement through the practice of Tantric sex. The "fish path" that's more traveled by inclines individuals to indulge in escapist behaviors. Then romance and courtship will likely involve over-indulgence in drugs or alcohol.

Understanding love's thematic signature from the sign that rules the fifth house sheds light on what makes different hearts tick. Next, we'll examine the relationship between the zodiac's love stars, Venus and Mars. Much of the mating dance boils down to pure cosmic chemistry. It's easy to follow the astro-logic. In the same way that the sea is drawn endlessly to the shoreline, clearly a magnetic resonance operates between water

and earth. They blend. Without rain could soil produce greenery? Similarly, fire and air hold a natural affinity. After all, without air, fire will quickly go out.

We'll start with this basic formula: What are Venus and Mars—by element—doing in the individual's chart? If they are not sharing a basic affinity, it's going to be challenging to find harmony in a loving tie. What works best in these instances is if two persons with similar chart components team up. That way, both will regard the same behaviors as natural and familiar. Bonds made on this basis can resonate. Often this strategy works to offset the missing links that traditionally confer compatibility. My rule of thumb is that if harmony is lacking and two people are strongly drawn together, there is something vital for them to learn.

Once each individual chart is studied for its Venus-Mars interface, then both charts are compared. Naturally, this is where matters get more complex. The elemental-affinity rules always hold. Still, as most Dell HOROSCOPE readers know, each planet works like a specific note. The real music (be it harmonic or cacophonous) gets under way when they're taken together.

Let's take a look at how Venus expresses in each sign. Then we'll take a peek at Mars. More nuanced analyses will follow as we'll factor in what happens when Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto gets into the cosmic act. These delineations are evaluated on the basis of whether they lend support to Venus or Mars through the sextile or trine, or otherwise impede either love stars via a square or opposition.

VENUS IN THE SIGNS: WHAT IS THE LOVE GODDESS SEARCHING FOR?

Venus in Aries: Love must always feel new, fresh, alive, and full of passion. Image counts for a lot here, as it is that initial first impression that leads to immediate attraction or its absence. This fiery

Venus typically falls into the carnal trap that mistakes lust for love of the enduring sort.

Venus in Taurus: Love must nourish the senses while providing a sense of solidity if not stability. The body's wisdom, which is to say its primal instincts, factors substantially into what makes for romantic attraction. Beautiful backdrops and comfortable settings play an important role in the courtship dance.

Venus in Gemini: Love must be mentally scintillating and experienced as a conversation too compelling to ever end. Venus in Gemini must feel fascination for any potential partner. This position gravitates towards individuals who exhibit marked duality in their behaviors. Also, Venus in Gemini is destined to wrestle with two or more simultaneous romantic interests.

Venus in Cancer: Love must make the individual feel safe in the presence of the beloved. Venus in Cancer seeks a sense of coming home or otherwise feeling at home with a love interest. This Venus unconsciously searches for a romantic familiar—that is, one with whom intimacy has been known in a former life and time.

Venus in Leo: Love must feel glorious, glamorous, and amorous. For this Hollywood Venus, all the world's a stage. Naturally, only a dramatic love story worthy of "Lights! Camera! Action!" will do. This Venus is uninhibited in its show of affection.

Venus in Virgo: Love must feel right, and the object of affection must meet specific criteria. Venus in Virgo maintains a list (this may be unconscious) of acceptable behaviors and qualifiers. Since Virgo ties directly in with the sixth-house's mandate of healing, the quest for wellness can play a major role in Venus in Virgo's love stories.

Venus in Libra: Love here hinges on fair-

ness. Both parties must share a true partnership. This Venus placement comes closest to arriving at balance and equity within intimate ties. A marked sensitivity is shown for the needs, wishes, and predilections of the partner. Compromising personal needs to make love work is this individual's forte.

Venus in Scorpio: Love, recognized through magnetism, is based on sheer erotic attraction. Venus in Scorpio searches for someone who can safely harbor their secrets. That someone must also embrace a level of sexual intimacy that is not for the faint-hearted. Venus in Scorpio's love of mystery finds allure in what's unknown. Those who wear their hearts on their sleeves do not fit the bill.

Venus in Sagittarius: Love must feature adventurous components. It's apt to involve travel, romance in a foreign port of call, or strong attractions to persons from different cultural or ethnic backgrounds. Sports, outdoor activities, musical interests, and caring for animals typically factor into this Venus brew.

Venus in Capricorn: Love may be pushed to the back burner until personal career goals are met. Attractions usually take a potential partner's career bona fides into account. This Venus position is known for marrying to upgrade status or financial prospects. Here Venus takes on the mindset of an accountant, although this trend may play out on a wholly unconscious level. Marriage is often delayed, lest marked aged differences show up between partners.

Venus in Aquarius: Love becomes an expansion of friendship. Aquarius is a space-age sign; and for Venus in Aquarius, love is not unlike the experience of the astronaut who encounters a novel, distant world. The connection sought with another space traveler must include (and engage) a vital, ongoing discovery

process. Venus in Aquarius is a highly social creature who needs lots of time to mix with all sorts of people. She will not tolerate possessiveness in a would-be mate.

Venus in Pisces: Love could well represent the ultimate escape from the self. With Venus exalted in Pisces, this star of love can lift two persons into a glorious sense of at-onement. Let's call that *the fish path less traveled*. However, in a world awash in drugs, alcohol, and countless escapisms, it is more probable that this Venus placement will draw in partners who overindulge in drugs or alcohol. Mature, spiritually-oriented couples will instead commit to life practices like yoga and meditation. That way, both will advance by making conscious contact with their spiritual centers.

If Venus works harmoniously with Mars, love matters will flow a whole lot better. Those individuals whose natal charts reflect harmony between the love stars likely worked a lot of relationship karma off in prior incarnations. Nothing is accidental when it comes to our birth-charts and the stories the planets tell. Taking it a step further, if one of the outer planets conflicts with either Venus or Mars, there will be a lot more to the story. The nature of the challenges faced can be understood by analyzing the offending planets' mandated lessons and purposes.

VENUS DANCES WITH THE OUTER PLANETS

Should Venus tango with Jupiter positively (in conjunction, sextile, or trine), then love will express as a bounty of riches. Individuals marked by this fortunate combination have learned to trust in the benevolence of the universe. Either as children—or carried over from the experience of former incarnations—they have a built-in *mental equivalent* of love. They trust that they will receive what they need. Generous by na-



ture, they are unlikely to do without whatever they genuinely desire.

But if Venus falls into affliction (*inconjunct, square, opposition*) with Jupiter, repeated lessons will erupt due to excess, overindulgence, and poorly placed personal boundaries. Such individuals will take risks that work against their own best interests. Partners will be in for a rough ride.

If Venus connects amicably with Saturn, such persons will think like tribal elders. When it comes to love, a sense of responsibility will prevail. These individuals possess an innate understanding of the law of karma. On a mundane level, this planetary duo pursues a means for blending marriage with career. Persons so designated will be good at saving money and choosing smart, long-term investments. Goals become vital components of their relationships.

It's tough when Venus conflicts with Saturn, since this influence portends a long-held fear that love will not become part of the bearer's (of this signature) experience. Fear of rejection, or grief carried over from a love lost in a prior incarnation, impedes trust in love now. Naturally, with karmic Sat-

urn involved, obstacles will delay finding, securing, and committing to marriage. This influence also breeds fears around monetary security. Since many couples fight over finances, this chart signature puts a serious dent in the lightness of being that makes for romance. While our birth-charts encode behavior at deep levels, self-change is difficult but not impossible. Progress can be made from working with affirmations and using the mind's power to shift negative habitual thought patterns.

When Venus harmonizes (sextile, trine) with Uranus, this combo turns love into a fascinating discovery process. Persons harboring this signature hook up with geniuses and learn from these prodigies; or their relationships work to continually enhance their awareness. Romantic ties open doors to broader exposures while also raising consciousness. Love can pave the way for miracles to manifest.

If Venus conflicts with Uranus (conjunction, opposition, square), then it will be difficult for love not to feel like a roller-coaster ride. On subliminal levels, individuals so marked seek the kind of excitement that's akin to plugging one's fingers into an electrical outlet. Needless to say, reckless impulses do not make for security. When Venus connects with Uranus through an overcharged contact, stability will not be part of the package. This chart combo points to the military wife who moves to a new base every two years and therefore never gets the chance to secure a nest. Romantic attractions pulse on and off. That makes commitment shaky at best.

If Venus harmonizes with Neptune via the sextile, trine, and even the conjunction—and if spiritual maturity is present in the individuals so designated—then love can reach a state that knows no bounds. Mystics describe this state as at-onement. It is the place where egos cannot travel and where souls become one with magnificent universal forces. That's as close to joining with Source as is possible

within the confines of the body. When two people link together through this mystical influence, they can actualize the marital ideal that *two shall become one*.

But if Venus conflicts with Neptune, that same diffusive state sans boundaries can lead to big problems. In modern-day America, addiction and alcoholism top the list.

Lastly, if Venus harmonizes with Pluto, love need never die. Here the love star taps directly into the universe's regeneration principle. Ties that hold this planetary pattern are apt to reflect themes of rebirth, healing, and rejuvenation. Two persons who share this link-up have a great deal of cosmic backing for any endeavors that center on regeneration. Plus, feelings of love can lead to deep erotic communion.

Unfortunately, *if Venus and Pluto conflict*, the darker expressions of Pluto, archetype of the underworld, come into play. Mythology reminds us that Pluto was a rapist/abductor. Not every woman whose chart reflects antipathy between Venus and Pluto will prove a candidate; however, the odds do increase. Abduction need not involve some local nutcase holding individuals hostage to serve as sex slaves. More moderate expressions of the afflicted Venus-Pluto would show in the form of controlling boyfriends, spying ex-husbands, or even cyber-stalkers. This chart combo can breed intense arguments over sex or money; and harmony within close ties will be tough to find, not to mention, sustain.

Now let's take a look at Mars. Both love stars—along with the aspects made to each one—factor in to the ultimate romantic mix. Venus and Mars are to the vital essence of relationship what the double helix—DNA—is to biological life.

MARS IN THE SIGNS

Mars in Aries: A natural position for Mars, here the fiery harbinger of spring mandates a constant capacity to initiate new things. This Mars draws its “go” pow-

er from an interior wellspring that's tied directly to nature's own power of renewal. Whenever Mars is found in a fire sign, its actions are sped up. Impulse rules, and no time is allotted for pauses, space, or reflection. Pursuit of desires occurs without any hint of censorship.

If Venus and Mars merge in Aries: Passion will be intense. That's true for couples who share this signature as well as individuals who harbor this planetary *fusion zone*. The same fire that wells up to release heat, likely between the sheets, can burn itself out just as quickly.

However, since Aries' gift is the capacity to summon new beginnings, this bond's hidden power lies in its ability to be readily made new. Its weakness is impatience. If afflicted, taming the warrior within will remain the soul's (or couple's) chief battle.

Mars in Taurus:

Here the animal appetites assert at a powerfully instinctive level. Sensuality, as driving force, is always in gear. Physical and sexual appetites are augmented and must be satisfied; for Mars in Taurus, these hungers are quite real and insistent. (If Mars in Taurus finds itself thwarted by a square to Saturn, or an adverse aspect to Pluto, criminal behaviors cannot be ruled out.) This Mars position likes to mate for life and would be quite shaken by divorce.

Should Venus and Mars merge in Taurus: It's the stuff of delicious sex and uncensored sensual expression. Animal magnetism runs high. Taurus links directly to the senses, so whether this fusion zone finds couples working together in the arts, coaching young dancers, running a restaurant, copilotting a lawn-care business, or managing a massage studio; di-

rect contact with the senses expresses through whatever they do. What other couples convey through words, this pair communicates through the body. The one weakness is stubborn resistance to change. Fixed patterns can work against the overall evolution of individuals, and relationships that are clung to can also hold back personal growth.

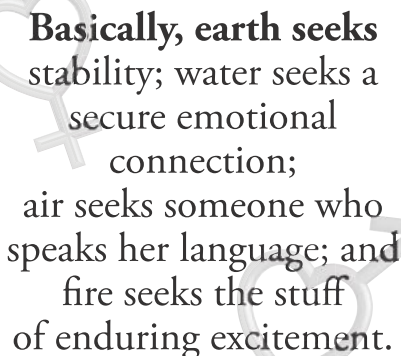
Mars in Gemini: This Mars takes what typically expresses as raw physical sensual force and converts it into a passion for ideas. The turn-on for the Mars-in-Gemini soul is a meeting of minds. What at-

tracts them is someone who stuns with their original, lively, and clever thought. Since air is not an element willing to stand still, for Mars-in-Gemini passionate urges pulse off and on. Mars positioned in the Twins' domain inclines its bearers towards more than one romantic fascination at a time. Fi-

delity is not this position's forte, presuming it can be sustained at all.

If Venus and Mars meet in Gemini: Pairs could fall in love over words, finding themselves dazzled by evocative conversation. They will be drawn to each other's voices, manner of speech, and general thought process. Like *Curious George*, the monkey, they will hop from one hobby, class, project, or interest to another. In this connection, experimental sex (such as the *ménage à trois*) cannot be ruled out. This pair might read to each other in bed, or make love on Sunday with the *New York Times* strewn across the bedspread.

Mars in Cancer: Considered one of Mars' weakest positions (its detriment), here the god of war stirs if his emotions become triggered in ways that leave him



Basically, earth seeks stability; water seeks a secure emotional connection; air seeks someone who speaks her language; and fire seeks the stuff of enduring excitement.

feeling insecure or at a loss for security. This position fits persons who grew up in family systems that engaged in lots of fighting and arguing. With Mars expressing through the domain of the Moon—a realm associated with dynamic phasing—Mars will also flux. In other words, mood changes will factor strongly into the actions and behaviors of the Mars-in-Cancer individual. (If Scorpio or Taurus planets are present, they will help to mitigate those rash behaviors taken without any thought given to consequences.) Emotions blindly express in this position.

If Mars meets Venus in Cancer: This invokes a strong, primal bond. Cancer relates to individual memory; however, it also taps into the memory bank known as the collective unconscious. Personal planets found in Cancer serve as a gateway. Through them, past-life imprints recapitulate. Partners who share this chart signature may find themselves initially overwhelmed by feelings of *déjà vu*. They could also meet at a family event. The key factor here is soul familiarity. If both partners' Moon signs are compatible, they will ride the same lunar tide. That means their fluxing internal moods will match up and align. (Check the interface between both partners' Moon signs to determine if they share harmony between the lights.)

Mars in Leo: The mother lion ferociously protects her young, known as her pride. Mars in Leo will fight like a lion for those she loves. She will not shy away, either, from hunting down her intended like prey. Often her directness disarms those she has set her sights on. Mars in Leo wields a royal ego. This leads her to assume automatically that the object of her affection will adhere to the script that she has chosen. Usually, that's not how relationships in the post-monarchy world operate. It is tough on the brave lion-heart's spirit when destiny has other plans in store, or the leading man or lady elects to toss the preferred script.

If Mars merges with Venus in Leo: This

is the romantic equivalent of Mecca. No more quixotic meeting zone exists for a rendezvous between the zodiac's love stars. Leo, after all, signifies the domain of the heart. Drama is the language that Venus and Mars will enthusiastically express should they join forces in Leo. A couple sharing this fusion zone might well hit the stage together or approach whatever they jointly pursue as some form of stage art. They could teach at the same institution or share a stall at a hip flea market. Since every sale involves a certain penchant for performance, daily walks of life provide ample opportunity for the Leo showman/woman to express. A union or love affair marked by this combo can prove as mesmerizing as the best of Hollywood's love stories.

Mars in Virgo: As fate would have it, my father and three different female roommates hold this chart signature. Its character was perfectly brought to life by the late Phil Hartman in a number of *Saturday Night Live* sketches ("The Anal Retentive Fisherman" and "The Anal Retentive Chef" stand out). Here Mars obsesses over details in pursuit of perfection. Let me share a true experience to portray fully how Mars in Virgo operates. Picture autumn in New York: A home in suburbia faces the annual deluge of leaves falling. My assigned job was to rake. Not only were there still countless leaves in the trees, but also a breeze was blowing. That didn't stop my father from insisting that I rake until the lawn was leaf-free! Surely, a task befitting Sisyphus! The TV show *Monk* also brought the Mars in Virgo character to life. Unless there's major support showing up from planets in Taurus, Cancer, or Scorpio, Mars in Virgo is apt to be incredibly uptight in the sack. What should come naturally to the body is overanalyzed (if not held to generic standards of perfection), and thus thwarted.

Should Venus meet Mars in Virgo: This is a favorable chart signature for those employed in health care, the Peace Corps, or

veterinary work. Virgo upholds the ideal of service. When the love stars meet in the realm of the Virgin, the driving passions are to fix, mend, heal, or repair whatever is broken. If two people share this connection and one has (or develops) a health issue, the other will lend support. In this fusion zone, love ties in with the meaning of and/or the process of healing. This chart combination also fits two people who run any kind of cleaning business. Here it is difficult for sex not to be seen as another duty on the perpetual to-do list. This signature best fits two celibate priests, nuns, or Buddhist monks who commit to a spiritually devotional form of love rather than that which expresses carnally.

Mars in Libra: Here Mars sits outside of his self-centered power zone. Compelled to express from the sign diametrically opposed to his own domain, Mars must shift his focus away from the great *I am* into that which keenly identifies with the “We” clause. Instead of the mighty warrior rushing off to the battlefield, Mars in Libra must negotiate with his wife to find out what time she expects him home for dinner. Centuries of codified male privilege became a habit that inclines too few modern males to think in terms of genuinely fair and equal partnerships. Nonetheless, it is Mars in Libra’s destiny to balance the scales! This Mars placement induces its bearers to truly listen to their significant others and discover ways to meet on common ground. Masters of compromise, Mars in Libra serves as the zodiac’s peacemaker. Cosmically assigned to *Negotiations Training 101*, this mandatory course is part of the human evolutionary trajectory. Mars in Libra is destined to tame the ego in order to arrive at the state of true union.

Should Venus tango with Mars in Libra: This is a lovely rendezvous

zone. Both partners genuinely want partnership; and this linkup goes a long way towards securing a bond and providing it with enough psychic room to grow. (Should affliction show up from any planet placed in Capricorn or Cancer, the ease of flow would be hindered.) This couple will have good taste, dress fashionably, and design their homes in an artistically pleasing manner. Venus-influenced pairs would likely collect art or things of beauty, and they’re apt to be excellent dancers, especially together. A line from a classic old movie captures their special synergy: *It only happens when I dance with you*. That could be this fusion zone’s motto.

Mars Scorpio: Once considered Mars’ domain (and still regarded as such by India’s Vedic astrologers), this sign is not unfamiliar terrain to the zodiac’s warrior and prime conduit of passion. Several things happen when Mars is found in Scorpio. One is a tendency to act in secrecy. This feature favors criminals and those



with something to hide. Secondly, Mars in Scorpio excites intense sexual feelings. If these become fixated on a particular individual, then possessiveness will rear. Mars in Scorpio's capacity to feel is tied directly to sexual needs, one way or another. Mars, as a hair-triggered fiery planet, evokes the archetype of the scorpion when positioned in Scorpio. Therefore, if the sex drive (or access to the object of desire) is thwarted by any outside source, this impediment could well generate plans, if not acts, of revenge. Mars in Scorpio is truly the position that must learn: *He who conquers himself is greater than he who conquers a city.*

If Mars and Venus merge in the white-hot realm of Scorpio: Raw sexual chemistry will override every other consideration. This is primal stuff, and the strength of the attraction ties in with the story of the Phoenix, an archetype deeply linked to Scorpio. This pair may well have been separated by death while their love for one another ran strong. Given the brutal history of much of the world, they may have lost each other to war, or perhaps someone else's act of jealousy. When they meet up again (Scorpio representing the sign of life-death-rebirth, hence its analogy to the life-to-life continuum), all of those emotions suddenly become liberated and a palpable urge to merge turns into an overriding surge. Difficulties are possible since Mars in Scorpio tends to act in underground, jealous, or covert fashion. If one partner wishes to separate from the other, these darker reflexes could trigger. Truly this is the fusion zone of: *Till death do us part.*

Mars in Sagittarius: Here Mars gives life to a number of archetypes. A dualistic sign, Sagittarius is only partially defined by the Centaur. It's also the sign of the shaman, the medicine man, Pan (who calls animals with his flute), and the natural athlete. Sagittarius knows how to treat problems, whatever they are, using herbs, music, and positive thinking. This

Mars sees beyond all pressing issues to better outcomes. The in zodiac's philosopher and optimist, Mars in Sagittarius views life as the great adventure. Tied to the travel-oriented ninth house, this Mars is compelled to travel widely whether in mind—via academic degrees or experiences that turn life into a veritable school-house—or in body. Mars in Sagittarius may venture to the farthest continents in pursuit of continual ways to expand his consciousness.

When Venus and Mars meet in Sagittarius: Here love becomes the great adventure. Both partners will be drawn to mind-expanding activities. They will pursue direct contact with the natural world through camping out, bike riding, mountain climbing, jet skiing, and horseback riding. Being still won't cut it for this dynamic duo. Fire is ever in search of new fuel, and this fiery couple will commit to eager pursuits of new learning and novel things to discover. When the love stars merge in a dualistic sign, both partners will act out more than one archetype. Couples with this chart signature will always be on the go and enthusiastically involved in numerous simultaneous projects and interests. I've seen pairs marked by this chart connection turn their backyards into veritable zoos full of pets ranging from wild turtles to exotic birds. This combo set the prototype for *Swiss Family Robinson*.

Mars in Capricorn: Since ego-driven, self-centered impulses are the hardest ones to tame, and the generator of those impulses, Mars, is exalted in Capricorn, this chart signature points to those who worked long and hard in previous lifetimes to discipline their actions. I liken this position to masters of yoga, t'ai chi, and the martial arts. Mars holds a direct connection to the body's muscular system. In men, the favorite muscle exists—you know where—and Mars in Capricorn can count on sexual stamina. Like the goat, it uses its fortitude, patience, and endurance to rise to the mountain top. Career status is

also very important to the ego structure of the typical Mars in Capricorn. Romantic passion may take a back seat to personal ambitions, yet Mars in Capricorn will be loyal to their mates and quite lustful when occasions call for it. The ideal partner for Mars in Capricorn is one who grants her the space needed to achieve her career aims, be they related to business, politics, the military, or academia.

Mars meets Venus in Capricorn: This combination suggests the ultimate status-oriented couple. Where Venus in Capricorn is drawn to top-notch clothing, housing, and privileges, Mars in Capricorn is profoundly ambitious. Since the Goat is highly self-disciplined, it tends to look down on those who don't demonstrate the same standards of success. A religious sect known as Calvinism regards personal success as proof of God's favor. Reciprocally, it views the absence of status as God's punishment.

These precepts resonate with Capricorn planets, since conservative views come directly from Saturn, Capricorn's ruler. Avatars have taught the importance of compassion. It is regarded by adepts as proof of spiritual maturity. In contrast, strict judgments limit empathy. This pair must work to overcome their tendency toward strict judgment calls.

Mars in Aquarius: If it were possible to plug persons in and thereby tap their wattage, Mars in Aquarius would likely emit the highest effervescent voltage. Fiery planets sparkle when placed in Aquarius, the sign of palpable electricity. Aquarius, friend to all, is gregarious by nature. And therein lies the rub. In our rather sexually liberated society, when individuals are naturally charismatic, they effort-

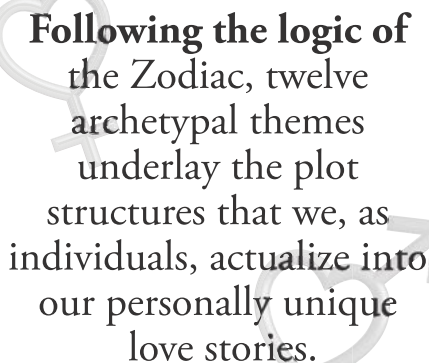
lessly attract their pick of lovers. Since Mars is all about libido and how to express it, and Aquarius is no fan of traditions, Mars in Aquarius may rebel against marital (and relationship) fidelity. This sign's love of eccentricity added to the ego's need to mark its own unique style leads Mars in Aquarius into unusual bonds and unconventional forms of sexual experimentation.

Venus merging with Mars in Aquarius: This bond needs lots of room to breathe. Others are apt to view this dynamic duo as electric, eccentric, and charismatic. Two ballroom dance instructors might

share this celestial link-up. Both partners will likely be drawn to political, environmental, or human-rights causes, and they will spend lots of time at community and social events. This pair does best when it operates inside a lively social sphere. It would only work for stay-at-home cou-

ples if their living domains were full of electronic, high-tech objects along with weird curios and antiques. Such persons might sponsor foster children from foreign lands. This chart combo is an apt signature for two university professors who invite students to their homes for animated discussion groups. It also recalls the metaphysical salons of Europe that were infamous in the late nineteenth century.

Mars in Pisces: Just as Mercury positioned in a watery sign like Pisces is equivalent to reading a newspaper underwater, Mars, signature of primal fire, is not a happy camper when found in Pisces, realm of the great oceans. How can the planet triggered into action by fiery sparks operate when his spark plugs stay wet? The answer is covertly, or on subliminal levels.



**Following the logic of
the Zodiac, twelve
archetypal themes
underlay the plot
structures that we, as
individuals, actualize into
our personally unique
love stories.**

The most strategic expression for Mars in Pisces derives from a martial arts premise: the best action is often that of getting out of the way. Then one's opponent tires out from his own output of aggressive energy. Mars, linked to Aries, represents motives that come from the head and therefore are conscious. In contrast, Mars in Pisces operates in the dark, as this last zodiac sign is associated with the unconscious portals of the mind. Only spiritual adepts who have learned to map their own deep soul processes can fathom what motivates their actions. More likely, Mars in Pisces will remain clueless regarding her true motivations. Then, in dual fish fashion, she will deftly project the issue onto someone else. Mars in Pisces is tied to the twelfth house, the sector of self-un-doing. Here, Mars unwittingly shoots himself in the foot.

If Venus and Mars meet in Pisces: This very Yin combination draws benefits from Venus' exaltation in the sign that holds no boundaries. Sexual intimacy can prove dreamlike, dancelike, even Tantric. Two persons' boundaries diffuse and a mystical state of oneness can result. This form of bonding feels out of this world. However, since Pisces also connotes escapist behaviors, the couple sharing this signature could arguably reside in a bubble all its own. They might isolate themselves from others. Other chart components, such as sturdy, grounding assistance from Taurus or Capricorn, will determine whether this "Neptunian duo" can function in the real world, or whether they will otherwise get caught in a chemical undertow. By this, I mean the habit of relying on drugs or alcohol. This planetary combination also suits persons who meet anywhere from hospital settings to exotic ashrams in India.

If Mars harmonizes with Jupiter, such persons will have tremendous faith in the universe as well as their own actions. They will likely harbor enormous personal energy and enjoy sports, travel, and pursuits aimed at personal discovery. Ro-

mantically, they recognize that there are *lots of fish in the sea*.

Should Mars conflict with Jupiter, persons so designated will overestimate their energy levels, personal resources, and available time. They will typically commit to things they can't complete and thereby leave others hanging. They may take unwise risks and exhibit the character of gamblers. Instead of changing their behaviors, they'll rely on the luck of the draw. Their operating principle is that the next "hand" dealt them will be better than the last one.

When Mars harmonizes with Saturn, individuals are born with loads of patience. They learn to execute their tasks step-by-step, and apply that same self-control to the development of chosen skill sets. This signature favors the practices of t'ai chi, golf, and yoga. It allots faith in one's abilities and, along with that, a keen sense of responsibility.

But if Mars conflicts with Saturn, tendencies toward hostility show up on account of suppressed anger. Anti-social responses erupt if any restraints are placed on this individual's freedom or pursuit of action. Since Saturn relates to lessons of a karmic nature and Mars to the individual's ego, the disharmony shown by this influence suggests basic selfishness. When an individual acts without regard for consequences or the price his actions exert upon others, karma is produced. Conscious good deeds and practicing altruism will help to offset this difficult chart component.

Should Mars harmonize with Uranus, the individual will have good timing and a naturally inventive mind. Clever innovators, such persons often act as trailblazers. In whatever they do, they will experiment to arrive at new discoveries. Free in themselves, they give others room to be who they are.

When Mars and Uranus conflict, such persons are often *accidents waiting to*

happen. It is important that they be mindful of their driving and also aware of whatever interior impulses drive them. In this combination, spark meets ignition, and there's little space for anything apart from sheer impulse. If other chart components lend balance, this signature could mark the type of athlete that lives on the razor's edge. Daytona speed racers come to mind. Since Mars triggers passion, and Uranus guarantees disruptions, this influence leads to short, intense encounters rather than sustained love (such as in marriage or commitment).

Mars blending harmonically with Neptune presents an interesting mixture. The planet of fiery passion links up with the planet tied to soul sentience. Sex can become a channel to higher states of consciousness, as can dance or the martial arts. This unique blend marks a balance between the needs of the ego and the aspirations of the soul. Spiritual maturity is suggested in those marked by this chart signature.

If *Mars and Neptune conflict*, personal boundaries become clouded. There's a tendency to drown anger or rage in alcohol or drugs. The positive urges of the ego, those necessary for maintaining healthy personal boundaries, don't register on a conscious level. If others walk all over this individual, the resulting outrage will express through passive-aggressive behaviors. Thwarted emotions can also be turned inward and self-medicated away via drugs or alcohol. Since individuals carrying this chart signature will not be able to honestly own or understand the basis for their own actions, they will be ill-equipped to recognize what motivates their partner's behavior. Sabotage could become a permanent feature of their life plans.

Lastly, if **Mars harmonizes with Pluto**, individuals so marked could operate like human Energizer battery bunnies. Their vital source (Mars) plugs directly into the planet of limitlessness. Pluto, signature

of death, rebirth, and reliable recharge, is continually tapped. Such persons could be sex machines—i.e., inordinately virile. If their charts support altruistic goals and practices, they will be able to accomplish much and do things to improve the lot of others. Keenly aware of their exceptional stamina levels, they radiate a pride that makes their auras glow.

Mars in conflict with Pluto presents what is probably the most dangerous planetary interaction. Boys born with this signature could at some point in their lives behave like Hades, God of the Underworld. They are prone to using force to get others, particularly the objects of their affection, to do what they want. Treating persons caught in their webs like captives, they will show little regard for others' wishes or fundamental sovereignty. Girls marked by this signature run the risk of meeting up with sexual predators, controlling spouses or boyfriends, or even stalkers. If rape statistics were not so high (with one in five girls being sexually assaulted on American college campuses each year), I would feel no moral obligation to relay this information.

CONCLUSION

Just as mastering the piano requires playing more than two notes, Venus-Mars interactive zones do not convey the entire symphony. Nonetheless, key components of music do arise through specific note patterns. Venus and Mars may not represent the complete story of the human heart, yet they animate the laws of human attraction. A second critical Yin-Yang pair is constituted by the Sun and Moon. Readers may wish to substitute their natal Sun-Moon positions for those of Venus and Mars to see if the data provided supports the facts of their experience. In this way, the archetypal themes related to Venus and Mars can provide a second set of insights that can be adapted for Sun-Moon links. Where Venus relates to courtship and romance, the Moon conveys the character of the home life and what is famil-

iar to the soul. And where Mars demarcates the ways that individuals actively pursue their desires, the Sun-Sign path expresses one's fundamental identity: how each individual will personally embody one of the 12 sacred sign-paths. In both instances, key components of our soul essences come into play. By applying the laws of cosmic chemistry, we can determine which ties hold stellar support and which face built-in elemental chal-

lenges. Knowledge is power. By understanding the nature of a conundrum, we are better prepared to tackle it.

So here's to making the most of your erotic, cosmic love adventures!



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Cancer natives make excellent cooks. Their culinary abilities often extend over into their professional lives. When you are in need of a quick and tasty recipe, turn to your Cancer friends. They will be happy to oblige and may even offer to cook you something special...if they're in the mood!



The New Moon is astrologically considered to be a quiet time, socially speaking. Many individuals employed in bars and restaurants note a decline in business at this time of the month. However, a Gemini New Moon may not follow through on this general trend! Gemini and its ruling planet Mercury rule communication. One astrology student went to his neighborhood restaurant during a Gemini New Moon to relax and enjoy his latest issue of Dell HOROSCOPE. Was he ever surprised! Instead of the quiet calm he had been led to expect from the New Moon period, the restaurant was bustling with activity and filled with patrons and very, very noisy—the din from all the conversations was almost overwhelming! He sat down at the only available space and wondered whether or not to remain. The table next to him was particularly raucous and loud. Our young Taurean astrologer decided to remain when he realized that this group of merry friends was comparing their Sun-Signs and Moon signs.

May's Planets and You

— by BILL MERIDIAN —



After a major historical event such as war, many countries are formed or reformed, borders are redrawn, and treaties are made. Thus, many entities are newly created at the same time and share the same outer-planet positions. After about 29 years, the horoscopes of all these countries and treaties created will experience their Saturn Return. Likewise, after 42 years, transiting Uranus will oppose their natal Uranus, and after 84 years, all will have Uranus Returns, etc. The changes established in the wake of WWII underwent a Uranus opposition when the Berlin Wall fell and many countries broke free of the USSR.



Solar Eclipses can have an effect for up to a year after their occurrence. The March 20, 2015, Solar Eclipse was con-

junct Pluto in the horoscopes of many Latin American countries, and natal Pluto is square a Uranus-Neptune conjunction in these charts. In 1820-22, most South American countries broke free from colonizing European countries. Pluto was at 0° Aries at the time, so many of these horoscopes have that placement. The countries are Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, and the Mexican Republic. Many others have Pluto in late Pisces, such as Columbia and Argentina. One transit or one eclipse over these degrees then affects all.

Since 1800, a number of eclipses have occurred close to the cardinal point. One of the closest took place on March 17, 1988, followed by an even closer one on March 18, 2007. The March 20, 2015, eclipse is the closest to 0° Aries. The fact that many of these countries will have their national Pluto eclipsed implies that a development will be common to all of these nations. Pluto does suggest financial interdependence between these countries. In 2007, this area experienced the same crisis that affected the world—the popping of the real-estate bubble. A scan of the various countries for 1988 shows that there were financial disruptions and political dislocations in many of these countries. What could affect many countries in this region now? Financial distress in a major trading

The chart for Brazil (September 7, 1822) shows natal Pluto at 0°13' Aries is square Uranus and Neptune at 2°-3° Capricorn. Pluto is natally on the Mars/MC midpoint. Brazil's progressed chart shows Mars and the Sun at 28°-29° Pisces conjunct the natal Cupido. Thus, these planets will also be eclipsed. This places the country in an aggressive mood. Cupido represents integration and is the glue that holds groups or countries together. We can conclude that there is likely to be financial instability and infighting within this large nation.

Uranus, he is likely to be dictatorial. His position is likely to be challenged. The Solar Eclipse contact with Jupiter will likely cast a protective influence over him, but the Greater Benefic is in hard aspect to Neptune in Scorpio. In any economic crisis, he will resort to further currency inflation and greater debt. It appears that President Correa will be forced into action by a financial crisis. The country will likely be bailed out, and Correa will be seen as having successfully handled the situation.

Marc Penfield gives April 16, 1821, at 4:12 PM., Kalávrita, as the date for Greece. Campion points to March 25. In either case, the outer planets are in the same position. Greece has natal Pluto at 28°55' Pisces conjunct Mercury and Chiron, all square to Uranus and Pluto. This Pluto will also be eclipsed. In the progressed chart, we see a Uranus-Neptune conjunction at 0° Capricorn, and progressed Mars is at 16° Leo, in hard aspect to the eclipsed World Point. The national finances have been questionable and under stress for some time. There will likely be more civil unrest. President Karolos Papoulias (June 4, 1929) has Saturn at 28° Sagittarius, close enough to the cardinal point at 0° Capricorn. He was born with Jupiter at 28° Tau-

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rus square Neptune at 28° Leo. Leaders with this combination usually resort to inflation and further debt to paper over financial difficulties for the short term, leaving the country open to future crises, which is what Papoulias did during his presidency. Whether he remains at the helm or not, this will likely be the outcome.

This month's Full Moon takes place on the 3rd at 10:42 P.M. E.S.T. It energizes 13°23' Scorpio. It closely squares Jupiter at 13° Leo in the eighth house for Washington, D.C. In the U.S. capital, lawmakers are either spending too much money or dealing with the consequences of debt and deficits. The lunation connects with the Uranus/Neptune midpoint, so any solutions to deficit problems will likely be unrealistic.

The month's New Moon occurs on the 17th at 11:13 P.M. E.S.T. It lights up 26°56' Taurus. The lunation is conjunct the Uranian planet Admetus and opposes Saturn. This combination was termed "the greatest hindrance" by the late Charles Emerson. Progress on all fronts will likely be difficult now, a potential added to by the opposition of Mars to Saturn. The lunation is in the fourth house in the chart for Washington, D.C., so there are likely concerns about housing and mortgage financing. On another level, some announcement or edict from the capital will likely bring about peace.



— **Apr. 25-May 3 2nd Quarter** —
A MORE BENEFICIAL VESTA PERIOD

Vesta sextiles Pluto this week. This will bring a better climate for managing pensions and investments. There may be some positive news on the tax front, along with improvements in national security.

— **May 3-11 3rd Quarter** —
MERCURY AFFLICTED

On the 3rd and 4th, Mercury, Uranus, and Saturn connect by hard angles. Communication is likely to become difficult;

misunderstandings are likely. Schedule important meetings for another day. Be certain to back up your hard drive; disk crashes will be more likely. Agreement is not in the air, so avoid signing documents.

— **May 11-17 4th Quarter** —
A DIFFICULT WEEK

On the 12th, Mars is contraparallel and sesquiquadrate Pluto. On the 15th, the Red Planet opposes Saturn. Egos can easily get in the way of constructive activity. Mars-Pluto can send tempers out of control. Cruelty is possible. There is a great need for diplomacy this week. It will be too easy for people to select the destructive path in any situation.

— **May 17-25 1st Quarter** —
A NEED FOR SECURITY

Uranus is contraparallel Vesta on the 20th; the Sun is sesquiquadrate Pluto on the 21st, and Venus opposes Pluto the same day. This grouping can raise anxiety levels concerning security. Pensions may be underfunded or threatened. Venus-Pluto creates issues over who controls the purse strings or who is "tied to the apron strings." This is not a time to commingle funds with someone else or to arrange joint ownership of assets. With the New Moon in the fourth house at Washington, D.C., there are concerns with home life. Reconstruction or remodeling will be difficult now. Check the lower levels of the house for potential problems.

— **May 25-June 2 2nd Quarter** —
GREATER ACCEPTANCE

On the 25th, Venus squares Uranus while Mars squares Neptune, forming one big planetary picture. The Venus-Uranus square is in hard aspect to the Sun. The midpoint between the two square aspects is 29°23' mutable, close enough to the cardinal points. There will likely be issues within the gay community or questions about gender identity in the news. Greater acceptance is likely. Vesta squares Pallas the same day, so the energy level relating to women's issues will increase.



Looking Ahead

BUSINESS

Advertise, sell, canvass, sign papers: May 10, 14, 19, 23, 26. **Submit manuscripts:** May 9, 10, 19, 28. **Make collections:** May 4, 8, 17, 30. **Seek employment, promotion, favors:** May 8, 17, 24. **Deal with bankers or credit people:** May 5, 9, 10, 17. **Travel by car, bus, or train:** May 5, 19, 24; **by air:** May 9, 10, 14, 28; **by water:** May 4, 12, 21, 30. **Buy an automobile, machinery, tools, implements:** May 8, 17, 24. **Buy or repair home appliances:** May 5, 9, 14, 22, 27. **Buy home furnishings:** May 8, 12, 21. **Buy permanent home or office, sign long-term leases:** May 8, 21, 28.

HOMEMAKING

Baking: May 17, 21, 24. **Canning:** May 12, 13, 16, 17. **Preserves and jellies:** May 4, 8, 21, 24, 30. **Dehydration or drying:** May 5, 14, 24. **Dressmaking, mending, designing:** May 9, 10, 19, 28.

THE WAY TO LOVE, BEAUTY, HEALTH

Romance, entertainment, weddings: May 9, 10, 24, 28. **Photography:** May 4, 12, 19, 30. **Buy clothing and jewelry:** May 9, 10, 17, 24. **Buy shoes:** May 12, 17, 24. **To stimulate growth of hair, have trims, start scalp treatments:** May 4, 8, 14, 21, 30. **Retard growth of hair:** May 5, 9, 10, 14. **For permanent waves on hard-to-curl hair:** May 4, 14, 30; **easy-to-curl hair:** May 12, 21. **To eliminate corns, calluses, warts, blemishes, superfluous hair, begin treatments:** May 8, 24. **Diathermy, electrical and magnetic treatments:** May 9, 10, 19, 28. **Osteopathy and chiropractic:** May 4, 24, 30. **Mental healing:** May 4, 12, 21, 30. **Testing eyes:** May 5, 14, 24. **To wean infants or animals:** May 17, 24. **Begin dental work:** May 4, 12, 25, 26, 27. **Begin an exercise regimen:** May 5, 14, 24, 26. **Begin a diet:** May 3 to 16.

LEISURE-TIME ACTIVITIES

Music, poetry, painting: May 9, 10, 24, 28. **Fishing:** May 3, 4, 11, 17, 25.

FARMING

Plant top crops: May 1 to 2; May 17 to 30. **Plant root crops:** May 3 to 16. **Budding, grafting, pollinating blossoms, or transplanting:** May 4, 17, 21, 30. **Pruning:** May 8, 19, 24. **Seeding grain, hay, cereals:** May 17, 19, 24. **Cultivating, grubbing, trimming, spraying, deadening noxious growths and weeds, destroying pests:** May 8, 14, 19. **Set poles, fence posts; make cement or concrete; lay cornerstones or foundations:** May 17, 24, 30. **Digging, drilling, tunneling, mining:** May 4, 12, 21, 30. **Dig or drill wells:** May 12, 21. **Harvest top crops, pick fruit:** May 17, 21, 24. **Harvest potatoes and other root crops:** May 4, 8, 12, 30. **Set chicken and turkey eggs:** May 17, 21. **Set duck eggs:** May 12, 21. **Set goose eggs:** May 4, 12, 30. **Buy poultry hatched on:** May 17, 21, 24.



STOCK MARKET OUTLOOK

by **BILL MERIDIAN**

Some companies are reporting earnings this month. We will look at these stocks for short-term opportunities, but first we will look at a new method: the Jupiter Return.



Ann, Inc., (ANN)

May 17, 1991, jumped five percent in August 2014, when the company, formerly Ann Taylor Stores, reportedly contacted J.P. Morgan in an effort to sell the company. Jupiter had passed over natal Jupiter at 7° Leo. This led to a research query that we can now perform at AstroApp.com, thanks to Gene Vikutan. A scan was run of transiting Jupiter conjunct natal Jupiter for all NASDAQ 100 stocks over the last thirty years. It yielded two hundred fifty hits. Thirty trading days after the conjunction, stocks were 5 percent higher on average. This is an annualized return of over 40 percent, well above the NASDAQ's usual 12 percent yearly return. This occurred in one hundred fifty of two hundred fifty cases. Thus we've found a price anomaly that can be used to enhance trading profits.

Seagate Technology (STX)

December 11, 2003, designs, manu-

factures, and sells electronic data storage products in the Asia Pacific, the Americas, and EMEA countries. On June 10, STX will have a Jupiter Return. This will likely set off a thirty-trading-day period of outperformance.

Vertex Pharmaceuticals (VRTX)

July 24, 1991, is engaged in discovering, developing, manufacturing, and commercializing small molecule drugs for patients with serious diseases. On June 17, Jupiter will pass over natal Jupiter. Buy VRTX on this date.

Wynn Resorts (WYNN)

October 25, 2002, together with its subsidiaries, develops, owns, and operates destination casino resorts. The Jupiter Return will occur on May 24. The stock is likely to appreciate after this date.

Micron Technology (MU)

November 30, 1990, manufactures and markets semiconductor solutions worldwide. MU has a Jupiter Return on May 4, and that is the buy date. Hold for thirty days.

Pfizer (PFE)

January 17, 1944, at 10:00 A.M., discovers, develops, manufactures, and sells healthcare products worldwide. It

offers medicines and vaccines, and various consumer healthcare products.

On July 19, Jupiter will pass over natal Jupiter. Buy PFE on that date.

Progress Software Corporation (PRGS)

July 30, 1991, provides software solutions for various industries worldwide. On June 25, the Jupiter Return will occur. The stock will be a buy on that day.

Zebra Technologies Corporation (ZBRA)

August 15, 1991, manufactures and sells printers and related products worldwide. Its products include direct thermal and thermal-transfer label printers, radio frequency identification (RFID) printer/encoders, dye sublimation card printers, real-time location solutions, and related accessories and support software. On July 13, there will be a Jupiter Return when the planet reaches 24° Leo. It will also conjunct and parallel the natal Sun on the 4 and the 16th, respectively. ZBRA is likely to rally.

Mattel (MAT)

June 3, 1968, designs, manufactures, and markets a range of toy products worldwide. On August 3, there will be a Jupiter Return, so MAT shares are due to rally after that date.

Now, let us look at some companies that are reporting earnings this month.

Expeditors International of Washington (EXPD)

September 26, 1984, provides logistics services. The company is due to report near midmonth. If so, the shares will likely rise because Jupiter is parallel the natal MC.

NetSuite (N)

December 20, 2007, provides an on-demand integrated business management application suite to businesses and divisions of companies worldwide.

The company offers NetSuite, a suite of applications that provide accounting/enterprise resource planning, customer-relationship management, and e-commerce functions. N is due to report in late April or early May. The shares are likely to decline somewhat because of hard aspects from transiting Uranus and Saturn to the progressed MC.

Intuit (INTU)

March 12, 1993, provides business and financial management solutions for small and medium-sized businesses, consumers, accounting professionals, and financial institutions. INTU is likely to report around midmonth. There is a mix of aspects that cloud the picture. If INTU reports at midmonth, near the 15th-16th, shares will rise slightly due to a contraparrallel of Jupiter to the natal MC.

Cisco Systems (CSCO)

February 16, 1990, designs, manufactures, and sells Internet Protocol (IP)-based networking and other products to the communications and IT industry worldwide. This Dow stock is likely to report near the 14th. On the 10th, Uranus will square the MC, which is conjunct Saturn. Uranus-Saturn contacts are usually very bearish, so CSCO shares are likely to fall.

United Parcel Service (UPS)

November 10, 1999, is a package-delivery company that provides transportation, logistics, and financial services in the United States and internationally. UPS is due to report in late April or in the first week of May. Due to the presence of many hard aspects, avoid these shares for now.

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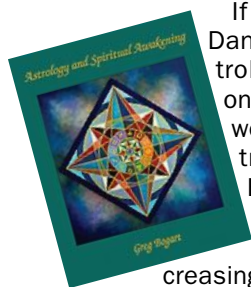
Book & Product REVIEW

—by CHRIS LORENZ—



ASTROLOGY AND SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

by Greg Bogart; American Federation of Astrologers, 6535 S. Rural Road, Tempe AZ, 85283; 1994, 2014, paper, (7.5" x 9.25"), \$29.95, ISBN 978-0-86690-651-7.



If you were to ask Dane Rudhyar how astrology can guide one on a spiritual path, he would talk about “the transpersonal way.” By this, he means that astrology can help one become in-

creasingly open to energies that seek expression through the personality. The outer-planet transits may open one to the creative mind (Uranus), love and compassion (Neptune), and willpower to change the collective (Pluto). Rudhyar also advocated a Vedic system of personal transformation, which he called “the six shaktis.” Rudhyar was probably ahead of his time, and his writings were too convoluted to gain widespread popularity. But fortunately, his many followers have clarified his message and have carried it forward to today.

Among Rudhyar’s most devoted supporters is Greg Bogart, who presents a refined look at the master’s teachings in *Astrology and Spiritual Awakening*. The

three-part format was originally drawn from workshops conducted between 1986 and 1992 and first published in 1994. It became a bestseller, and now it is being re-issued with some new material to keep it fresh. Although Bogart is an avid follower of Rudhyar, his book has several major differences from Rudhyar’s work. Above all is the writing style, which in Bogart’s case is easy to follow, uses basic English, and keeps each sentence relatively brief. Rudhyar’s sentences could run on for an entire paragraph, and following the convoluted logic from the first erudite phrase to the end often takes more than one reading.

One could argue that something has been lost in the simplification process. For example, Bogart relies on the “astrological alphabet” to explain one’s spiritual path in Part I. If one was born with the Sun in the seventh house, this is seen as being equivalent to the Sun in Libra or Venus prominently placed. This combination is the path of love, cooperation, and relationship. But the many examples in each section show how to differentiate the signs from houses and prominent planets. Carl Jung’s Sun-Uranus conjunction in the seventh house brought him into a close collaboration with Sigmund Freud—that is, until transiting Uranus opposed this dynamic pairing of planets. Then he went off on his own.

As for the six shaktis, in Part II Bogart

states that Rudhyar wasn't fully informed about the origin of these concepts because his writings were based solely on one twentieth-century Indian philosopher. Bogart traced the system to its eighth-century roots in Kashmir and developed what he calls a "spiritual psychology of liberation." The goal is "to transform personal problems by referring them to a new purpose: the opening to an infusion and descent of supramental forces."

Exactly how this works can be discovered in Part III, the seven biographies of spiritual teachers. The first astrological story is about Meher Baba, who was born with his Pisces Sun squaring a Neptune-Pluto conjunction. One can readily see how this configuration might lead Baba to become an illuminated mystic. As Baba was weighing whether or not to take up a conventional professional career, several outer planets pushed him in a more spiritual direction. Among these were Pluto sesquiquadrate natal Uranus. Sesquiquadrate is a mouthful, but it is the traditional way of referring to the 135° aspect. In one of his apparent updates, he describes Ravi Shankar's Venus in Pisces

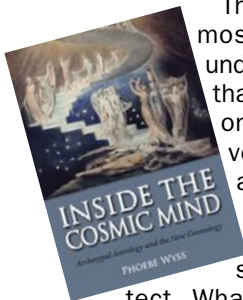
as forming a "tri-octile aspect (135°) to Jupiter and Neptune." Sesquiquadrate or tri-octile: Which do you prefer?

In addition to using outer-planet transits to explain how events unfold, the author gives equal weight to secondary progressions. For example, in Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's biography, we find that the commune he set up in Central Oregon came apart as Rajneesh's progressed Sun and Mars were conjunct. The guru Sri Kriyananda left his teacher (Yogananda) and began forging his own identity when his progressed Sun arrived at his Ascendant. The other biographies are about Mircea Eliade, Swami Muktananda, Rabindranath Tagore, and Ram Dass.

Readers may notice that these spiritual teachers and almost all the examples throughout the book are men. Since some 80 percent or more of astrology enthusiasts are women, perhaps for his next update the author will present the biographies of spiritual teachers who personify goddess energy. An inherent problem with Rudhyar's and Bogart's reliance on Indian philosophy is that it is essentially a patriarchal system that devalues women.

INSIDE THE COSMIC MIND

by Phoebe Wyss; Floris Books, www.florisbooks.co.uk; 2014, paper, 223 pp., (6" x 9"), \$29.95, ISBN 978-178250-110-7.



The basic reason why most scientists don't understand astrology is that they're looking at only part of the Universe, the measurable physical universe that the eyes and high-tech instruments can detect. What they don't get is that mind and matter are interconnected,

and that they have a common source. The phenomenon of synchronicity, as defined by Carl Jung, shows how the psyche and manifest events are part of a more inclusive reality. And astrology is the symbolic language that helps us interpret this higher dimension.

Phoebe Wyss takes readers on a journey of discovery in *Inside the Cosmic Mind*, a personal examination of what astrology is all about and why it's an intrinsic part of the new cosmology that is overtaking the centuries old Newtonian model of reality. In Part I, the author explains why astrology has gotten such a bad rap over the last few centuries and remains outside of mainstream intellectual circles. "Most

people in Western society still take a worldview for granted that's based on the concepts of the seventeenth-century mechanistic science." From this conditioning, one may be hard-pressed to understand how the distant planets have an influence on our earthly affairs. Certainly, neither gravity nor electro-magnetism work, since their power diminishes by the square of the distance.

The new paradigm comes from the latest scientific research, which has only recently begun to filter into public awareness. At the quantum (sub-atomic) level, non-locality and interconnectedness of all quantum particles is the standard model, which implies a cosmic unity and a new worldview in which astrology has a legitimate place. This new worldview, sometimes referred to as a holographic universe, is actually very old: The mysterious Egyptian Hermes, Pythagoras, and many more ancient philosophers taught about a cosmology that was directed by a universal mind, and which all individual minds share. Plato's "ideas" are essentially the same as Jung's "archetypes." Astrology is rooted in this ancient worldview, and it's the same one that now fits neatly in Einstein's cosmology.

Part I is an impressive overview of astrology's role in this paradigm-busting era. Evoking the deep thinkers old and new, the author presents the case for astrology's reinstatement. It is based on the existence of metaphysical archetypes as equal players in the material universe. Carl Jung's dialog with the famed physicist Wolfgang Pauli elucidates how the collective unconscious is identical with the quantum field in subatomic physics. Richard Tarnas (in *Cosmos and Psyche*) demonstrates how

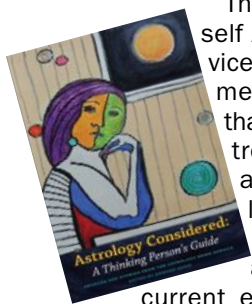
human history follows the cycles of the outer planets. Fritjof Capra explains how individual minds are embedded in larger minds of social and ecological systems, which in turn are integrated into a planetary system, the mind of Gaia.

Part I is a summary of what Wyss discovered about how astrology works and how the meaning of the symbols were derived. The rest of the book explains how she got there. The second half examines the origins of astrological symbolism, including astrology's relationship with sacred numbers. In this section, she introduces "field diagrams," which is a different format for listing a concept's keywords. The keyword is in the center, and associated words float around this center, with all the words enclosed within a circle. The reason she does this is to encourage thinking vertically rather than horizontally. "The words in the same field gain significance through their spatial relationships, and define each other through their complementary meanings," she writes.

At the end of Part II, Wyss takes up the horoscope of William Blake to demonstrate how archetypal astrology works. Although he was born on November 28, 1757, Blake makes a good case study since he has Uranus square Pluto—the same rare planetary combination that is in effect today. We see how he was an outsider, an iconoclast, yet a visionary and a pioneer in ways that only recently have become appreciated. And so astrology itself fits Blake's life path. The author concludes, "The paradigm of an archetypal cosmos could lead to a new form of spirituality in which astrology plays a key role, providing us with reassuring proof of the presence of a transcendent order."

ASTROLOGY CONSIDERED: A THINKING PERSON'S GUIDE

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The website calling itself Astrology News Service (ANS) features numerous brief articles that aim to improve astrology's public image. While not exactly news-oriented in the sense that the articles delve into current events, they do address many popular misconceptions and misinformation about astrology's value to society. Most impressively, the ANS is a collaboration of the major astrological organizations, including the International Society for Astrological Research (ISAR), the National Council for Geocosmic research (NCGR), and the American Federation of Astrologers (AFA).

Astrology Considered: A Thinking Person's Guide is a collection of the articles posted at ANS as edited by Edward Snow. The articles were penned by numerous well-known authors from the astrological community, but, in general, their contributions generally run only a few pages. The bulk of this book's content comes from Edward Snow, a former news reporter who applies his journalistic style to promoting astrology's better side. Consequently, each article is brief, clearly written, and designed to get across a basic idea or point of view. As such, *Astrology Considered* is an ideal book to carry around to gain an insight or two while on a coffee break or other timeout. The articles are divided into three parts: Astrology Considered, The Evidence, and News and Views.

Part I, with the same title as the book, takes a philosophical look at what astrology is and isn't in our modern age. Steven

Forrest defines the horoscope as "simply a description of the happiest, most fulfilling life that's available to you personally. It spells out a set of strategies you can use to avoid boring routines, bad choices, and dead ends. It lists your resources." And from Grant Lewi, we get this clarification: "There are many poor astrologers. There are many people reading and selling horoscopes who are not astrologers at all, but promoters, hack writers and petty racketeers."

Dorothy Oja gives a wider view: "Astrology is a symbolic language and a testament to our humanity as it seeks not to divide but to harmonize and holistically understand the entire system we live within (earth and cosmos) and not only select parts." A few of the articles in Part I reveal how quantum physics may provide a theoretical framework for astrology. And others relate how astrology is entering academia, how some astronomers are tilting toward astrology (notably, TV host Neil deGrasse Tyson and planet hunter Mike Brown), and how astrology helps refine psychology, mythology, and philosophy.

Part II offers a variety of entertaining and on-target studies that help support the validity of astrology. The tone runs somewhat contrary to Part I, since by definition, astrology is a symbolic language and not quantifiable. Nevertheless, numerous research projects have established specific planetary placements or cycles as having reliable outcomes. For example, people sleep less during a Full Moon, as has been described in the journal *Current Biology*. Then, astrologer Paul Westron conducted an eight-year research project that demonstrated how Venus by secondary progression is involved in relationship startups. While most astrologers would say, "No surprise," skeptics and newcomers to astrology will be drawn further in. Similarly, articles about the importance of the Gauquelin sectors, gardening by the Moon, the importance of Sun-Moon and

Venus-Mars aspects in relationships, and how the Sun or Jupiter on the angle corresponds to the alpha dogs within a large litter will challenge disbelievers.

The articles in Part III vary widely in their subject matter, but may be loosely described as how astrology permeates our culture, often in unsuspected ways. It is in our language, like the words “mercurial” or “jovial.” Shakespeare was a fan of astrology, and one article explores how he used the planets to help describe his characters. Did you know the Beatles had an astrologer? Or that Washington, D.C., is teeming with astrological symbols and zodiacs? Financial cycles can be predicted using astrology, the Harry Potter books were inspired by astrological symbolism,

and Jesus was probably a Gemini, not a Capricorn.

If you're wavering about whether or not astrology is valid, or if you have friends or acquaintances who are sitting on the fence, *Astrology Considered* will help frame the issues for you. With this anthology, you get talking points to address the critics, plus plenty of anecdotal evidence to support astrology. And most important, you get a bellyful of “Aha!” experiences.



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Virgo *Lauren Bacall*

Remembering Hollywood's Sultry Icon

by NANCY FREDERICK

"There have always been rumors about me: Oh, she's very difficult. Be careful of her. People who don't know me—even some people who do know me—know that I say what I think. Very few people want to hear the truth. Bogie was like that, my mother was like that, and I'm like that. I believe in the truth, and I believe in saying what you think. Why not? Do you have to go around whispering all the time or playing a game with people? I just don't believe in that. So I'm not the most adored person on the face of the earth. You have to know this. There are a lot of people who don't like me at all; I'm very sure of that. But I wasn't put on earth to be liked. I have my own reasons for being and my own sense of what is important and what isn't, and I'm not going to change that." —Lauren Bacall



Lauren Bacall's was a life steeped in dichotomies. A child of Jewish immigrants, she was raised without money but wanted for nothing. She was well educated. Taught to work hard and achieve something, her inner life was all about the dreams, the

cinematic crushes she had on mega-stars Bette Davis and Leslie Howard. Young and terrified of the limelight, she was thrust immediately into stardom when, during her first movie role, she became Bogie's "Baby," and a superstar. Believing in work

The energy of that Moon-Saturn opposition is funneled out through Venus in the first house. Can there be a more apt astrological picture of beauty as a way out of a financially strained situation?

and success, she nevertheless was content for over a decade in her happy marriage and in being viewed as Bogie's wife rather than as an actress. Although she was a celebrated part—the last remaining legacy—of Hollywood's Golden Age, instead of habitually looking back, she always chose to look forward, always sought what was interesting in the now. And although she was immersed in the present, she always carried with her the specter of the influential people in her past, those who informed her persona and molded her character, primarily her mother and first husband, Humphrey Bogart. And, of course, like many a Virgo goddess, she was at once smoldering hot and icy cold.

The things that we take for granted about the larger-than-life persona of Lauren Bacall, she also took for granted, but somehow they were more created than in-born. When exiting her apartment at New York City's legendary Dakota (the building where John Lennon was shot), she was bundled for winter, and the doorman was new, and somehow he didn't recognize her. He mumbled an apology and said something about how would he know it was her. Of course, she growled, "The voice." Her voice was so molten and husky it set the screen aflame, and she sometimes joked about it that callers would refer to her as "sir," because it was so deep. But when she was a fledgling actress going on that fateful interview, her voice, at that time a high, nasal whine with harsh New York undertones, was a stumbling block, and she was sent to a voice coach to learn a new

one. She was very young at the time and happy to be molded.

When she was a teen, Lauren worked as a model and theater usher, prompting one critic to mention, as part of a theatrical review, the beautiful girl who seated him. After appearing on the cover of *Harper's Bazaar*, the wife of celebrated director Howard Hawks spotted her, and that launched her career. More than once she's mentioned how he "created" her. Her name at birth was Betty Joan Perske, and her friends always called her Betty, except in the early days when she was Mrs. Bogart, and Bogie, and all his celebrated pals, called her Baby. When her parents divorced, her mother resumed her maiden name, Bacal, and it was Betty who added the extra "i," thinking it would be more easily pronounced. But it was Hawks who named her Lauren, something she disliked because she felt it was somehow anti-Semitic.

When Hawks discussed with her the debut he was planning, he told her that he wanted to put her in a movie with either Cary Grant or Humphrey Bogart. Her surprising reaction? "Cary Grant, terrific! Humphrey Bogart, yuk!" At the time, she couldn't quite get what all the fuss was about. But her amazing screen debut opposite Bogie is etched forever into the minds of moviegoers, as well as the moment in which she uttered the unforgettable rejoinder, "You know how to whistle, don't you, Steve? You just put your lips together and . . . blow." That was in 1944 in *To Have And Have Not*. To this day, people mention that you can watch the movie and see them light up, see the moment in which they fell in love, a record on screen of the interpersonal real-life chemistry at work.

I confess to being as much a romantic as anyone, and I do not cop to being a cynic at all; however, it just seems obvious to me that when you read about these idyllic unions interrupted by untimely death, that perhaps the marriage might have fizzled anyway like the other rela-

tionships of the star in question. Clark Gable and Carole Lombard come to mind, as do Elizabeth Taylor and Michael Todd. Everyone thinks, “Oh, what a tragedy! That would have been *the one*, if only he or she had lived.” I never think that. I think the marriage ended at a point when all was going well and it created a permanent specter haunting the star’s future.

I’d thought when contemplating this article that it would be interesting to consider Lauren Bacall’s life in light of this idea. She was happily married to Bogart, in what many people consider a dream relationship. I assumed that perhaps she did as well, but in re-searching her (she’s the author of several autobiographical books), it was interesting to learn that she wasn’t a person who viewed life with rose-colored glasses. She considered her marriage to Bogie a happy one, but with flaws. She considered her marriage to Jason Robards, Jr., a problematic one, which ended due to his alcoholism. Both men drank uncontrollably. Bogie died at fifty-eight due to throat cancer from his cigarette addiction. Both had multiple marriages. As Bogie was dying of cancer, and Bacall was attending to him, she was rumored to be seeing Frank Sinatra, and she did date him openly after Bogart’s death. They were briefly engaged, which he ended when word of the betrothal was leaked to the press, saying he never really intended to marry that “pushy broad.”

Did it ever make sense to you when Catherine Zeta-Jones married Michael Douglas? I felt she was trying to skip the process, to fast-forward into a place of security and acceptance. That was also my impression when Lauren Bacall fell for Bogart, who by then was on his third marriage, to a woman who was a combative drunk, if you believe the reports, which it seems plausible are true. The age difference in both pairs is the same, twenty-five years. And both men had a similar throat cancer, although Douglas seems to have made a recovery. When Bogart’s was discovered, he was given a year to live.

My feeling is that when there is a massive age difference like that

in a marriage, it’s always about someone missing a parent. It’s never just about love, although there can be love, romantic love, and the marriage can work out. But can you really have lived decades more than your spouse and be on equal footing? I think not.



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An interviewer asked Bacall about whether there was an element of that in her relationship with Bogart, about whether she was seeking a substitute father. Initially, she was quite dismissive, wanting to avoid a discussion of her absentee father, who was not a nice guy and who treated her mother badly. First she said, “Your thinking paints a picture that has no relation to me. You’re thinking that somehow Bogart, in the back of my mind, was a father figure. He wasn’t.” But then she

stopped to think and said, “It’s very dramatic and romantic, this idea. Well, Bogie was kind of my father. He showed me the way, because I didn’t know anything about movies and Hollywood.”

In another honest assessment of the union, she said, “It’s all anyone ever asks me about. My life with Humphrey Bogart. I feel like I’m losing my mind when complete strangers come up to me while I’m having dinner in a restaurant and ask me what it was like being married to him. I tell them that being a widow is not a profession and they look crushed. Sure, we had twelve great years together, Bogie and me, but hell, it wasn’t the way people think it was, or like we did it in the movies. What marriage ever is? A famous love story is hard to maintain when you both live in the spotlight. What we had together wasn’t perfection, but it was real, and I’ve never been able to replace it.”

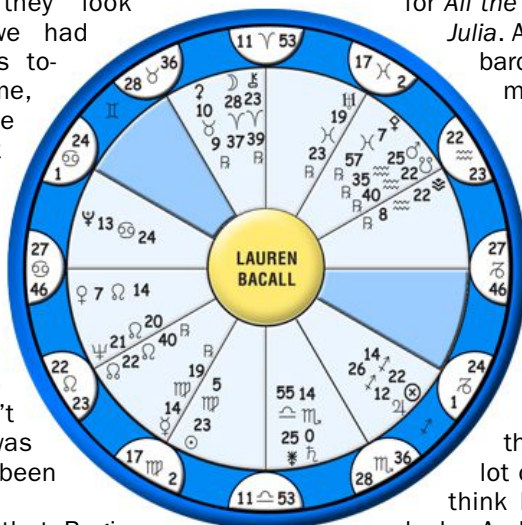
The thing was that Bogie was married when he met her, and it took about a year for him to divorce his wife. He also had a secretary—a woman who claimed she slept with his toupee under her pillow—and she was his mistress as well. He’d been with her before he met Bacall and remained with her, but that doesn’t seem to have affected Lauren or her view of the marriage. “With Bogie, it’s no surprise that I say those were the best years of my life, because I married a man who adored me and who taught me everything about life and movies and people and exposed me to the best part of living, which was talented, creative people. And all of his absolute devotion to the truth, to honesty, to honor, and to laughter—to

everything. How could I not find that the years that changed me completely and that gave me a life were the happiest? I didn’t have to think of anything. I was just being adored by this fantastic man. I didn’t have any real love in my growing-up life, except for my mother and my grandmother.”

Interestingly, Bacall (who won an honorary Oscar for her contribution to the Golden Age of film in 2009) is the only Oscar winner ever to have been married to two other Oscar winners. Bogart won for *The African Queen*, and Robards won for *All the President’s Men* and *Julia*. After their divorce, Robards actually went on to

make another marriage, in which he stayed for thirty years, until his death. He was reported to have stopped drinking by that point. About her marriage to Robards, Bacall said, “I was insanely lucky. Although I beef about a lot of things in my life, I think I’ve been extremely lucky. And even lucky to have

married Jason Robards after Bogie—you know, after having such a great marriage and then having a not-so-great one. But still, he was a terrific man. He had his problems, which was what killed our marriage, but aside from that he was a worthwhile human being. And we have a son who’s an extraordinary man in his own right. So I think I’m damn lucky. I’m lucky that my kids are all straight, that they haven’t ended up in jail, that they’re all worthwhile human beings, thank God. Their lives are happy; they have happy partners, wives, husbands. See, my mother wanted me to have more than she had, and I wanted the same for my kids. So I don’t envision anything for the future, and



I never really have. I just hope good things keep coming.”

It's quite possible that Lauren wasn't exactly meant to be a homemaker. She recounted with amusement a story about her oldest son, Steve, saying to her, “I don't ever remember seeing you with an apron on.” She smiled and thought, *that's right, honey, you did not*. And she continued, “That was his concept of what a mother should be.”

She actually came into her own after her marriages ended. (It's no coincidence that her autobiography is titled *By Myself*.) During her years with and after Bogie, she was in some pretty bad movies. She was in some good ones as well. One of my favorites was *How to Marry a Millionaire*, with Betty Grable, a friend, and Marilyn Monroe, someone she considered selfish, ill-mannered, and unprofessional. Even after Monroe's death, Bacall didn't have anything good to say about her. Always honest, direct, and uncompromising, she didn't see the need to be politically correct.

That was the reason why she ultimately left Hollywood and returned to her New York roots, where she earned two Tony awards on the Broadway stage, her first love. She worked intermittently on movies, and received an Oscar nomination for her collaboration with Barbra Streisand on *The Mirror Has Two Faces*, a movie I love. It's quite poignant when Streisand turns to Bacall and wistfully asks what is it like—to look in the mirror and see yourself with approval; what was it like for everyone else always to view you as so beautiful? And Bacall answered, “It was wonderful.” She had the same reaction in real life when an interviewer asked her if she was always a great beauty, and she responded, “Always.”

Betty Joan Perske, aka Lauren Bacall, was born September 16, 1924, in New York, New York, at 2:00 A.M., according to her biography. She is a Virgo with the Moon in Aries and Cancer rising. The time

Mars is also opposed by Neptune, and that is one descriptor of being connected to men who drink. She was reputed to have changed Bogie, but she always said he changed himself.

of birth comes from her biography, but I wonder if in fact she might have been born just a few minutes later, giving her Leo rising. The only difference in the house placements in the 0° Leo rising chart is that Mars is pushed down into the seventh house. In any case, think about it. In this article we will use the official chart, but I suspect it's a bit off. Also keep in mind I use the Koch house system, so if you're looking at a Placidus chart, there may be slight differences.

Lauren's Sun is in the third house of communication, widely conjunct Mercury, the planet of communication, although Mercury is across the border in the second house. As we mentioned, Lauren authored three autobiographies, written without the help of a collaborator, and it was said that whenever acting work slowed down a little, she'd go off to her publisher, settle into the little office they'd set up for her, and start writing. Like most Virgos, she had a strong work ethic and liked to keep busy.

Both Mercury and the Sun are opposed by Uranus, the planet of sudden change and high technology, and that would account for her quick wit and intolerant nature. She was independent, quirky, and felt no need to apologize for the choices she made. In her last book, she mentioned that she didn't understand the American mentality of work hard, save money, and then retire. She felt that rather than struggling at something you didn't love to assure freedom in your old age, it

was better to be invested in something you did love and keep at it without ever wanting to retire. This is typical of the Uranus mentality, which urges us all to do what we want, never mind anyone else. This natural independence was further emphasized by an inconjunct from Mars, the planet of action, to her Sun.

Her Moon is in Aries in the tenth house of career. Generally speaking, this is not a terribly domestic Moon, for it's all about taking care of yourself and your own needs. In her chart, it also represents her mother, who was the breadwinner in her childhood because her father was absent. I tend to feel that Virgo and Aries can be a difficult combination in a chart because Virgo always assumes it's right and Aries doesn't care what anyone else thinks. This can lead to wounding comments made haphazardly toward others without the slightest regard that feelings can be hurt. That Virgo know-it-all attitude combines a bit too abrasively with the Aries devil-may-care nature. After her death, her grandson, Jamie Bogart, said: "She was a tough personality. She wanted the best and if you weren't doing the best, she let you know about it . . . catch her on a bad day and it could be interesting."

Lauren's Moon was part of a T-square. It was opposed by Saturn, and she described how she was raised to be "perfect," and how at fifteen she'd hide for hours in the back of movie theaters, chain smoking and enthralled, then she'd swallow some Sen-Sen to hide from her mother and her uncle the evidence of this habit against which they railed because no proper young lady of fifteen smoked, and for which she tearfully apologized and swore never to do again. As we mentioned, she was quite poor growing up, and she hated being unable to buy a "lousy \$17.50 coat."

As much as she worried about being able to live up to her mother's high standards, she adored her mother and they were close. When she got that \$100 a week movie contract and was put up in

an apartment, her mother came to live with her. That was the beginning of a better life for both of them because her mother had determined never to marry a man for the sake of marriage alone, but to marry only when madly, deeply, in love, an ethos she passed along to her daughter. You can see that Saturn in the fourth house as an indicator of these sorts of issues. It describes the stern mother, the childhood poverty, the reduced-living circumstances. Bacall mentioned that she cashed in all her stocks to get the \$48,000 that she paid in the 1960s for her palatial apartment in the Dakota, saying it was the only smart financial move she ever made. According to online sources, that nine-room apartment overlooking Central Park was recently appraised at \$9 million, but is now on the market for \$26 million because of the cachet associated with Bacall.

The energy of that Moon-Saturn opposition is funneled out through Venus in the first house. Can there be a more apt astrological picture of beauty as a way out of a financially strained situation? Despite admitting in interviews that she was "always" beautiful, Lauren was a bit insecure at the start. She said, "I was a lousy model. I was this flat-chested, big-footed, lanky thing." I always loved the story of how nervous she was when doing that famous scene in *To Have and Have Not* with Bogie, the one that started a craze. She said, "My hand was shaking, my head was shaking, the cigarette was shaking, I was mortified. The harder I tried to stop, the more I shook. I realized that one way to hold my trembling head still was to keep it down, chin low, almost to my chest, and eyes up at Bogart. It worked and turned out to be the beginning of *The Look*."

That was the thing about the way her life evolved. Everything occurred as a result of a problem or through happenstance more than as a result of decision-making and steps taken. This isn't so unusual when there are oppositions and T-squares in a chart. It was destiny, you

might say, her destiny to become a star. Although she was Venus-rising pretty, she felt there had to be more to it and was quite vocal about the current state of celebrity, something much different from her day, when stars were legends with actual personalities, larger-than-life energies. "Actors today go into TV, which I don't consider has a lot to do with acting. They only think of stardom. If you photograph well, that's enough. I have a terrible time distinguishing one from another. Girls wear their hair the same, and are much too anorexic-looking."

In addition, her Moon receives a trine from Neptune at the end of the first house. Moon-Neptune aspects give some psychic ability, but more than that, the potential to dream. All those dreams of movie stars in her childhood could simply have been her inner voices telling her that someday that life would be hers. And, of course, Neptune rising can be rather cinematic.

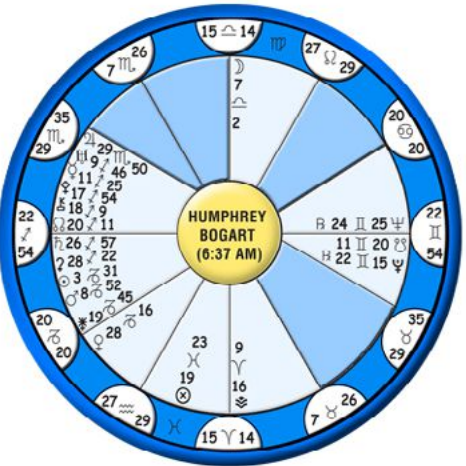
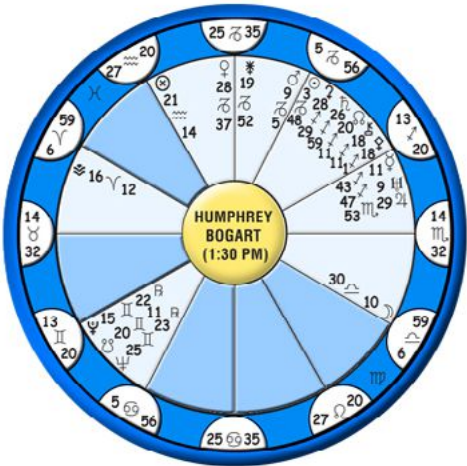
The Moon also receives a sextile from Mars in the eighth house. Moon-Mars aspects tend to generate deep and assertive emotions. It's not a shy aspect, and it allowed her to speak her mind as well. Mars in the eighth house would also be a financial placement, although she mentioned many times that she wasn't rich. Obviously, she wasn't poor, but she must have been envisioning a

loftier standard than average people apply to the idea of what rich is. And, of course, there's sex appeal. Sex symbols often have Mars here because it radiates a kind of easily perceived sex appeal, which certainly everyone noticed from her debut onward.

Mars is an interesting planet in this chart. It makes an out-of-sign trine to Saturn in the fourth house. Mars-Saturn aspects do cause women to be attracted to older men, which Bogie obviously was. Robards was only two years her senior, but by the time she hooked up with him, she was already thirty-seven, far less of a little girl needing a strong older man to show her the ways of life.

The other thing a Mars-Saturn aspect will do is create a strong sense of ethics. Bacall became fast friends with Nicole Kidman when they co-starred in a couple of movies, and she was quite outspoken about Kidman's then-husband Tom Cruise. This was before the infamous breakup and all the rumors about Cruise. Bacall simply said she couldn't fathom the way he conducted his life.

Mars is also opposed by Neptune, and that is one descriptor of being connected to men who drink. She was reputed to have changed Bogie, but she always said he changed himself. In fact, once they got together, he drank less, but he certainly



didn't stop drinking. They were part of a group that partied constantly, and by all accounts, rather hard. Bacall herself was never reputed to be any sort of alcoholic, and she said how it all seemed so unreal to her, never having been exposed to anything like that. It was alcohol that reportedly broke up her marriage to Robards, although she said she found a letter to him from a girlfriend and that infidelity caused her to toss him.

It's hard to see either of her relationships as truly happy, unless fidelity is of no consequence. Both of her husbands had ongoing ties to other women. Bacall has many oppositions, so this is not a chart or a life without conflict, as she was the first to admit. Her chart is about someone who has to fight for what she wants and who's willing to do battle with other people to make it happen. In fact, I'd say that this chart is about learning that a man can give you only so much, and what you get on your own is far more rewarding. She always felt the absence of a man in her life in later years, and famously quipped when handed her honorary Oscar, "A man at last."

Perhaps one of the nicer elements in her chart, Jupiter in the fifth, explains her rosy view of life and her marriages, and it also describes her joy in her children. Jupiter is trine Venus, bringing generosity and loving kindness. It's also the focal point of another T-square, involving the Mercury-Uranus opposition. It would show rewards for making personally satisfying choices and speaking her mind. Her assessment of herself as rather abrasive and someone who speaks her mind wasn't inaccurate. It's a good quality to have, but one that a spouse can find hard to take day in and day out.

I want to look now at the charts of Bogart and Robards to see what the connections to Bacall were like. Let me just mention, however, that Bogart's time of birth is not reliable. There are conflicting reports about it. In my database of famous people,

he's listed as born on December 25, 1899, at 1:30 P.M., in New York City, cited from an earlier article published in this magazine. Other people have a 6:37 A.M. time, which to me seems more plausible because it's Sagittarius rising as opposed to the 1:30 P.M. chart, which gives Taurus rising. It's been my observation that men with Taurus rising have particularly broad shoulders and Bogart seemed rather slight. In addition, with the Sagittarius rising chart, he has Saturn rising, which would contribute to his gravitas, Moon at the MC, which would describe a spouse met through a career, and Neptune in the seventh, describing the abusive, alcoholic ex-spouses. In addition, with Sagittarius rising, the Sun and Mars are in the first, which was his very masculine image, although Bacall said that when people asked her if he was as tough as he seemed, she'd say no, he was a very gentle soul.

The Taurus-rising chart gives him the Sun conjunct Saturn in the eighth house, and he did die of cancer. This is not to say that if you have this placement you will die of cancer, but it does suggest that you (and everyone on the globe in my opinion) should stop smoking. He had Venus at the MC, which could potentially describe the wealth from which he came (although his childhood was unhappy). He also has Jupiter, Uranus, and Mercury in the seventh house, which describes potentially joyful marriages with someone very different (in Bacall's case, much younger), his Latina secretary-hairdresser, and, well, I'm not sure about the three prior marriages.

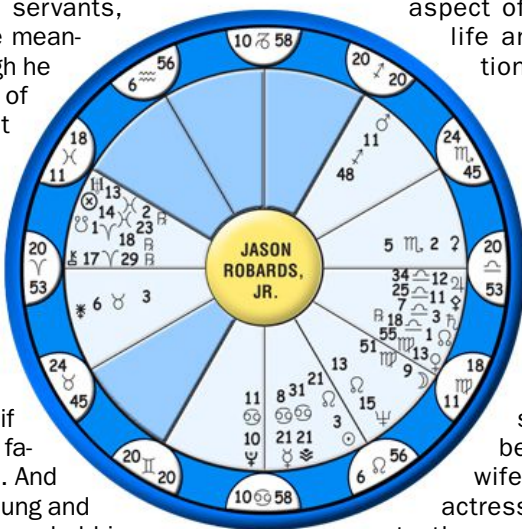
If we look just at the planets and their aspects, we can have a good sense of who he is without even using the houses. He had the Sun conjunct Mars and Saturn, making him assertive but responsible. The Sun and Saturn are opposed by Neptune, which could describe the alcohol, but also a need to make his dreams come true via hard work. He left his wealthy family home when quite young and joined the Navy.

In a way, you could say that each was the antidote for what ailed the other. Although he came from wealth, his parents were sort of absentee and he was mostly raised by servants, many of whom were mean-spirited. And although he had his choice of women, he didn't have a gentle love of the heart and had never been a father. In her case, she came from poverty but was much loved and had a positive sense of what life could be like, even if she lacked a loving father as a role model. And because she was young and inexperienced, she needed him to fill in the blanks and open doors for her.

His Sun and Mars lie in Lauren's sixth house of work, and he was instrumental in furthering her career. In addition, although they're not in aspect,

Bogart's Pluto opposes Bacall's Jupiter, making demands on her creativity—both professional and personal. When asked if she felt that her acting career was hurt by being Bogart's wife, she said, "Oh, yes, because he wanted a wife. He didn't want an actress. He'd been married to actresses, and from

the beginning he said to me, 'I love you, and if you want a career, I'll do everything I can to help you, but I won't marry you.' He wanted a wife that would go with him and be there, and he was dead right. And that's what I wanted, and that's why I wanted children. He had never had a child. So I was Miss Pushy in that way. But I was happy being his wife. I loved it. Because I really loved him." She also described her early life with Bogie, "Well, you know, I envisioned myself as making it on the stage, and I never thought of myself in terms of domesticity. I never imagined I would meet any-



one like Bogie and marry him and have children. And, obviously, the minute I fell in love with him that's all I wanted. Then, of course, after we were married I wanted more. But I was a kid. I was nineteen when I met him, so, I mean, what the hell? How much did I know? And I was really innocent."

So it would seem to me that he activated her fifth-house Jupiter and replaced some of the natural career-driven focus of her Moon in Aries in the tenth, although the way she viewed it was that he molded her choices because he was experienced (Sun-Saturn) and older and she was still a kid. It's sort of a typical child-bride mentality.

His Saturn also activated her Moon-Neptune trine, filling in the final leg for the Grand Trine. They continued to make movies together, and he did further her career, but by being his wife, she experienced a different sort of life and personal fulfillment that she hadn't witnessed as a child, the happy marriage with a nice home, financial security, and children.

That's the thing about something like a marriage—it's not just a romance novel. These deep and enduring ties do more than affect our hearts, but rather they change the timbre of someone's life, change who they are as a person, and bring another dimension to their reality. That's what Bogie did for Bacall.

Jason Robards, Jr., was born on July 26, 1922, at 11:22 P.M., in Chicago, Illinois. He's a Leo with the Moon in Virgo and Aries rising. Although he was a showy Leo, his Sun in the fourth house would indicate a certain shyness. A sextile from Saturn would give him stability.

His Virgo Moon is in the fifth house of creativity and conjoins his sixth-house Venus, bringing a social nature that appreciates women. This Moon-Venus is squared by Mars, making him a bit emotionally tempestuous, and indicating that the women in his life were also dramatic. Bacall said, "I invited a few friends

over to celebrate Jason's 40th birthday. Jason showed up at 2 A.M.—loaded. I grabbed a bottle of vodka, smashed it into the cake, and yelled: 'Here's your goddamn cake!'" It would be hard to blame a long-suffering wife, embarrassed by an absentee birthday boy in front of a gathering of friends, for her ire, but scenes like this are rather typical of Moon-Mars aspects.

In addition, Robards' Moon-Venus is opposed by Uranus, bringing distance and detachment. Mars lies at the focal point of this T-square; so you could say his shyness caused him to push people away. Then, when they grew angry at his behavior and blew up, he felt less guilty for having hurt them because they hurt him back. It's sort of a portrait in dysfunction. Pluto at the bottom of the chart would bring about periodic eruptions of emotional issues, and it sextiles the Moon-Venus as well. He has many connections to his Moon, so women would have been very important in his life. Like Bacall, his parents were divorced. Nowadays, this doesn't seem extraordinary, but in those days, most people married and stayed married, so this was a significant thing for a couple to have in common.

Robards has Neptune in the fifth house, and often people with this placement see alcohol as a favorite pleasure, and drinking becomes sort of a hobby or a pastime. Not everyone who enjoys a glass of wine becomes a drunk, but with Neptune in the fifth, the sense of how much alcohol is reasonable often gets distorted. Although he had a remarkable movie career, like Bacall, Robards' first love was the stage.

If we look at Robards' planets in a bi-wheel around Bacall's, his Sun lies in her first house, conjunct her Venus. There must have been an immediate sense of affection and chemistry between them. Her Saturn squared his Sun, which although more harsh than his natal Sun-Saturn sextile, still means that he felt

the burden of her expectations of him. Actually, his Sun is the focal point of the T-square involving her Moon-Saturn opposition, which in her chart focalized through Venus and, with them as a couple, also through his Sun. It's as if her chart is saying: I love you but you're disappointing me.

His Moon and Venus are in Virgo, and that's a positive thing. A man's Moon in the same sign as his wife's Sun means that she embodies his expectations of the feminine dynamic. What he expects of Yin energies, she provides. And although her Sun wasn't close enough to be touched by his Moon-Venus, her Mercury conjoins, so it's likely they had many pleasant and interesting conversations, and that they were able to discuss feelings. Of course, with his Mars squaring her Mercury, some of those discussions may have devolved into shouting matches.

In addition, her Moon conjoins his Ascendant, so it's likely she recognized, intuited, and understood his emotions. There are many emotional connections in this pairing.

Robards' Mars makes a trine to Bacall's Venus, an aspect of sexual attraction. His Mars also conjoins her fifth-house Jupiter, activating that very positive energy. And, of course, her Jupiter squares his Venus.

This is a romantic relationship. There was love and physical attraction here, probably more so than what she shared with Bogie. It was two adults on the same level who connected physically, shared the same goals, and liked the same things.

So what do you think? Do you think it is possible that he could never live up to Bogie's aura in her mind? I think Bogie was just a larger-than-life energy in her mind, and even toward the end of her life, she'd refer to the influence on her by two people, her mother and Bogie, which in a way sounds like she's talking about two beloved parents, which she sort of was. Although she makes it

clear that she didn't see Bogie as a god without flaws, I think under the surface he became like the revered dad who could do no wrong. But to her Robards was a flesh-and-blood man who did plenty wrong. She was no longer an idealistic child bride, but a woman capable of criticism who had certain expectations that weren't met.

And I think it all came down to one thing: crap. With Bogie she was a kid plucked out of one life and plopped into another and she decided just to put up with the crap and be happy. With Robards, she was an adult who wanted to call more of the shots, and she decided she'd had enough crap and wouldn't take it any more.

Lauren Bacall had a complicated chart, and she was a complicated woman. She wanted to live her life according to her own standards and to express what she considered her best self. As much as she said she wanted a partner, what really fulfilled her most was living according to her own terms. She was a strong person, and everyone will always remember her as a class act.



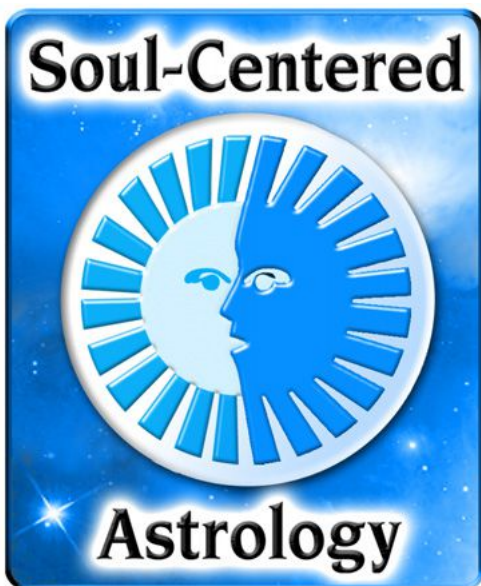
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YOUR LUCKY ZODIACAL NUMBERS

Here are your lucky numbers for each day of the month. The numbers can be used as they are or rearranged and used equally well. For example, take the lucky number for Taurus on May 5, which is 379. This number can be used as 793 or 973 so long as the total value remains 8 ($3 + 7 + 9 = 19$; $1 + 9 = 10$; $1 + 0 = 1$). However, the number is numerically and astrologically correct as it is given. The same explanation applies to all of the signs. The three digits listed under Taurus as the “sign number” give the basic vibrations for the sign itself. These digits total up to 3 ($2 + 8 + 2 = 12$; $1 + 2 = 3$), which is the first digit listed of the three numbers for the day. The second digit is derived by noting the house of the solar chart in which the Moon is transiting during that day. For Taurus, the Moon in Scorpio is transiting their seventh house on the 5th; this has a value of 7 and is the second digit listed. The last digit is obtained by noting the planetary day ruler and the number vibration for that ruler. May 5 is a Tuesday, ruled by Mars, which has a vibration of 9. The combination of these numerical vibrations gives 379 as the lucky number for Taurus on May 5. The same method for selection of daily numbers is used for the other eleven signs. One or two numbers can be derived from the lucky number for any particular day. For instance, the lucky number for Taurus on May 12 is 319. The single digits added together total 13, which can be used if two numbers are desired, or 13 can be reduced to 4 if one number is desired. Note: On days when the Moon is changing signs—indicated by *—check the “Self-Guidance Chart” for the time it enters another sign and make the necessary adjustment in the second digit. The sign changes are set for E.S.T. In other time zones, the change may occur on the day previous to the one indicated here. In this case, two adjustments must be made—one for the house position of the Moon (second digit) and the other for the number vibration of the day ruler (third digit). Good luck.

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5th*	T	Mars	689	379	169	859	649	139	929	619	929	319	709	199
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— by ALAN OKEN —

KEYS TO CORRECT FORECASTING TECHNIQUES, PART III: THE PROGRESSED ASCENDANT AND MIDHEAVEN

The world is in such a chaotic state that the need for a sense of belonging to a belief system that offers ultimate truth and salvation becomes addictively appealing. This is one of the reasons why cult groups and fundamentalist religious movements are in such an expansive phase of growth. They are anchors (albeit illusory and violent ones) in a sea of suffering (a state, of course, to which they ardently contribute). A person can say: "I have found salvation! I have found truth! I have found re-

demption! I can kill, rape, and pillage, and paradise will await me!" Yet this is not the way of the Soul. The Soul offers not only a Truth that "passeth all understanding," but also a Truth which contains all understanding. And on the Way, you and I become part of that living Truth whose gift is consciousness and whose quality is Love. This is a Love that is all-inclusive and welcomes all who may come to know It.

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The Ascendant and the Midheaven are both halves of a major energetic axis consisting of the Ascendant/Descendant and the Midheaven/Nadir (or "IC"). We can call the former the "social axis," as it relates to the relationship between the self and the not-self, me and you, as well as me vs. you. The Ascendant reveals the moment-to-moment contact the individual ego has with his or her environment, while the Descendant describes the interpersonal dynamic of response of this urge to express oneself. In addition, the Descendant reveals the objectives of one's search for response, objectives that are characterized by the sign on the cusp of the seventh house of the natal chart. Thus, if I have Taurus Rising, I am projecting my urge to be in ways that define my urge for the acquisition of physical and/or emotional substance. Scorpio is the sign of "other people's resources" (in effect *their* physical and/or emotional substance). Thus, in my natural "urge to merge" as a person with Taurus Rising, my interpersonal objective is to acquire such additional substances from my relationships with all "others." On a more subtle, psycholog-

ical level, I will find that through my relationships my sense of personal values and self-worth (Taurus) will be refined and uplifted or denigrated and destroyed (all functions of Scorpio, the sign opposite Taurus) through these interpersonal, intimate contacts.

The Midheaven points to the “focus of culmination” that is achieved through a combination of my social efforts at finding a place in my world coupled with the experiences I have gained from this search for achievement. Thus, the Midheaven (or MC) shows recognition (or, when afflicted by forces in the natal chart, obstacles to such recognition). It is paired with the Nadir (IC), the most subjective point in the natal map. We can say that the Nadir (our family and psychological substrata) describes the “roots” of self, while the MC reveals the “fruits.” If the roots have been stunted as a result of family and/or psychological injury, the fruits of our life will be qualitatively reflective of such trauma.

From the point of view of “directions” (the generic term for all techniques of prognostication), the MC/IC and the Ascendant/Descendant have some very special significance. Although this article is dedicated primarily to the sharing of factors relative to the progressed positions of these points, I would be remiss to not first mention their importance as transits.

The transiting positions of the Ascendant and the Midheaven are essential to timing activities and are used with great significations in many important and practical ways.¹ Knowing the transiting position of the Ascendant and the MC is essential in financial timing—for example, such as exactly when to buy or sell stocks or homes or to sign contacts. One would want to have a very good transiting Ascendant (and especially) Descendant for a wedding or the making of a very important phone call. The inauguration of a company requires a good transiting MC to

the natal horoscopes of the major parties involved, while you should not move into a new house unless the degree on the cusp of the IC is favorable to your chart and to the other transiting planets (especially the Moon) at the time. Astrology provides a map. If you know how to read it, you can find many obvious as well as hidden treasures—or, at the very least, avoid sand traps and blind alleys!

The determination of the transiting MC and Ascendant are easy to find. All you need is a computerized astrology program; enter your data and up pops the required map. Many good astrological software programs come with the equivalent of a “perpetual astrological clock,” one that gives you the moment-to-moment chart of your pre-programmed location. But either way, if you have a smartphone or an iPad, you can install an app that will always allow you to cast a chart from anywhere you are located. Gotta love that about the twenty-first century!

You will find that the transiting MC/IC axis changes about one degree every four minutes, modifying the transiting Ascendant/Descendant accordingly, depending on the latitude for which the map is being cast. The results can be extremely useful, as in the following two examples:

1. Transiting Ascendant trine your natal Venus. This is a great time to approach someone in whom you have a romantic interest (especially if the trine were in the fire or water signs). It is also a great indication of when to initiate a conversation about finances (especially if the trine were in the earthy signs) or to plan a social gathering (especially if the trine were in the airy signs).

2. Transiting MC square Jupiter. Things may seem to be moving along advantageously, but this is not a time to expand or make career moves based on ideals and promises, as the latter may

be overly idealistic and the former false or misleading.

The progressed positions of the Ascendant and the Midheaven take on a deeper significance and can be far more important to the individual than these positions when in transits. This is primarily due to the duration of their effects. If by transit there is change of degree on the MC that lasts four minutes, this change of degree takes a year by progression and even longer in terms of the progressed Ascendant. Thus, the effects of contacts and influence by aspect to other planets in the natal chart are far more intense and long reaching. This is due to two primary factors:

1. Orb of influence. We know that in terms of both transits and progressions, we use an orb of half a degree applying to half a degree separating. Thus, we can say that the duration of influence of a transiting MC is always about eight minutes (two minutes applying, four minutes at the exact degree itself, and two minutes separating). This becomes two years in terms of the length of influence of the progressed MC (six months applying, one year in exactitude, and six months separating). This can be even longer in terms of certain signs of the progressed Ascendant.

2. Signs on the Ascendant of long duration. In the northern hemisphere, the signs Cancer through Sagittarius are said to be of long duration, while Capricorn through Gemini are of shorter duration. (Just the reverse is true for the southern hemisphere.) This means that transiting degrees of Leo on the Ascendant, for example, do not move at the steady rate of one degree per four minutes or progress at the rate of one degree each year, as they do when these same degrees are on the Midheaven.² The result is significant, as it means that the length of duration of a progressed aspect with a degree of an Ascendant

with a sign of long duration on its cusp can last up to three years!

THE EFFECTS OF THE PROGRESSED ASCENDANT AND MIDHEAVEN

Different astrologers will use different orbs of influence when applied to the effects of transits and progressions. I am very conservative in my forecasting methods and tend to ascribe narrower rather than wider orbs. My nearly 50 years working in astrology tells me that with one main difference (known as “stations,” which will be explained in full in a future article), “things happen” when both transits and progressions are close to or at exactitude and not before. Things may be “shaded” by oncoming transits and progressions, but events occur only at near or at actual one-degree exactitude. In addition, aspects quickly lose their potency after exactitude has been reached. This information should be carefully noted by the student, as there are always “directional dynamics” taking place in reference to the natal chart, and the astrologer has to know when certain influences are entering and others are leaving the life. (The word “planet,” after all, comes from the Greek word for “wanderer.”) These comings and goings are measured in terms of time by the orbs of influence of the planets and hence the importance of the astrologer’s acute sense of such orbs.

The Ascendant “colors” the life. The natal Ascendant may be seen as a glass house within which the native lives out his or her personality dramas and destiny and hopefully evolves in consciousness accordingly. This glass has the possibility of coming in 12 primary zodiacal colors—i.e., the 12 signs. Gemini on the Ascendant, for example, will mean that the individual looks out upon life through a glass that has the tendency to “tint the environment” with double vision, so that what an Aries Ascendant may see as a single opportunity for him to dominate a

challenge, a Gemini Ascendant will see as two different opportunities altogether. A Libra Ascendant will see the same situation as an opportunity for sharing, and a Capricorn Ascendant will see it as an opportunity for making some money. Pisces will see all 12 types of these opportunities at the same time (or none of them!). The Universe is One, but it is seen, interpreted, and reacted to, in astrological terms, through 12 different lenses.

As indicated above, each degree of the transiting Ascendant colors the environment for the individual for anywhere from four to ten minutes, but each degree of the progressed Ascendant affects one's personal environment for up to three years! Let's look at some examples:

1. The progressed Ascendant changes signs and for the next 30 years or so the native will have Taurus as the primary "life lens."³ You can therefore make a general statement that this next huge portion of a person's lifetime will be spent defining and projecting his or her life values, especially those that result in material manifestation. In addition, there will be the urge to "anchor" one's creative potential, a potential that was duly tested when that individual's Ascendant was previously progressing through Aries.

2. The planet Venus, as ruler of Taurus, now takes on particular importance in the native's life so that the astrologer will want to pay close attention to the position of Venus in the natal chart, as well as the transits and progressions of this planet (especially to the natal position of Venus). Do not underestimate the importance of this assessment! If one's life will be particularly affected by Venus (or any other progressed ruling planet), how the native acts and responds in terms of that planet's natal indications is very important to understanding a primary feature for the next significant portion of that person's life.

3. In which house of the natal chart

has the progressed Ascendant changed signs? This will usually be the first, second, or third house. The astrologer then needs to combine the influence of the new progressed Ascendant sign with the natural indications of that house in the natal chart. Example: Progressed Ascendant changes to Taurus in the native's second house with Taurus on the cusp (natal Ascendant is Aries). Venus in the natal chart is in Virgo trine to Saturn in Capricorn as the strongest and most exact aspect. Meaning: During the entire time of Taurus on the progressed Ascendant, the individual will be very much at work striving to achieve his or her greatest potentials in the business world. There is all likelihood that such efforts will be met with success, especially if that person is aided (as he or she most likely will be) by older and more experienced authority figures in his or her particular field of endeavor (natal Saturn trine Venus). In the years that the progressed Ascendant in Taurus makes a Grand Trine to natal Venus in Virgo trine natal Saturn in Capricorn, there will be potentially tremendous success and fulfillment of that individual's professional ambitions.

We need to realize when we combine progressed aspects with transits, as we will be doing, that they have different but complementary functions. The progressed positions and aspects reveal *unfolding processes and potentials*, while the transits of the faster-moving planets reveal or trigger actual events, often within the larger scope of activities indicated by the progressions. You can say that the progressions (and especially the progressions of the Ascendant and the Midheaven) "set the stage," and the faster-moving planetary transits are the actors. And what of the slower-moving planetary transits? These, we will discover, are slow, profound, incredibly important *destiny indicators and karmic challengers*! They also must be synthesized and integrated into our interpretation of a person's life jour-

ney (or political events and circumstances) with the progressed planets.

Let's end this article with another example of the progressed Ascendant in action. Here let us say that the progressed Ascendant has moved to 2° Sagittarius and is making a square to natal Saturn at 2° Pisces. Definition: The progressed Ascendant in Sagittarius means that for the period of its duration in that sign the individual will be working to expand his or her horizons through one or more of the following activities: foreign travel, advanced education, publishing, and establishing an enhanced belief system through his or her efforts at walking the spiritual path. In the natal chart, Jupiter is in the third house in Capricorn. Indication: The native is most likely interested in expanding his or her ambitions through learning about subjects that will have a practical significance in furthering his or her career.

As stated, the progressed Sagittarius Ascendant is square natal Saturn. Conclusion: This will be an 18-month period (the time that the progressed Ascendant will need to "approach" the degree of natal Saturn, be exactly at that entire degree, and then "separate" from that degree) during which the native will have to bring *definition, discipline, and focus* to his or her efforts at education for career purposes.

If you check the ephemeris for January through May 2015 and then October of this year, you will see that Saturn is going back and forth by transit at 2° Sagittarius. This means that the potential of the progressed Ascendant to natal Saturn is being strongly activated by the aspect of transiting Saturn to both the progressed Ascendant (conjunct) and the natal Saturn (square), showing that this will be the period in which the individual in question will be very active in his or her educational plans and purposes. This will not be an easy time in this respect, as Saturn in Pisces is challenged when it comes to focused discipline. Nonetheless, the as-

trologer can give a positive (but true) interpretation to this challenging set of directions as follows: "You will have the opportunity to bring focus and definition to your career ambitions during this time through your studies in a specialized area. This will take some effort on your part, as you have the tendency to be nebulous regarding efforts at self-discipline. But as 'the horoscope impels and does not compel,' you can use your own 'will-to-good' to help you advance at this time. Indeed, you will have to use willpower in order to succeed, but this will be a great lesson and exercise for you."

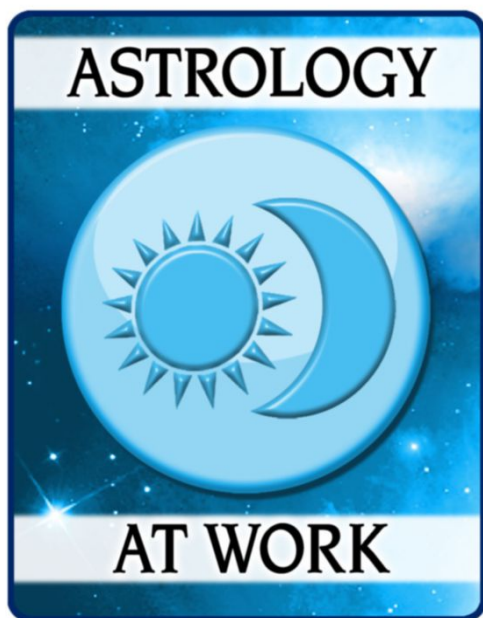
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Footnotes

1. That branch of our science specifically dedicated to the timing of events is called Electional Astrology and will be dealt with in some detail in a future article.
2. The reason for this difference is a bit complex to explain, but primarily it is due to the bulging shape of the earth and the extension of this shape of our sphere as it relates to the signs of the zodiac.
3. I am using a mean of 30 years (360 degrees/years divided by 12 signs) as a convenience, as the actual number of years it will take Taurus or any sign to move by secondary progression depends on the latitude of a person's birth as well as the hemisphere in which that birth took place.



—by EILEEN MCCABE, MSW—

PURSUE THE PATH OF A HEALER?

Dear Eileen, I have always been interested in the metaphysical and have always been very spiritual in my approach to life. Lately, I am more empathic and telepathic than ever before. Things seem to be speeding up, and I must admit that it's a little scary. Do you think, based on my horoscope, that I should continue to pursue a path as a messenger/healer? Thank you for your advice in advance. I was born April 1, 1995, at 12:48 P.M. P.S.T., 46N40/122W58.

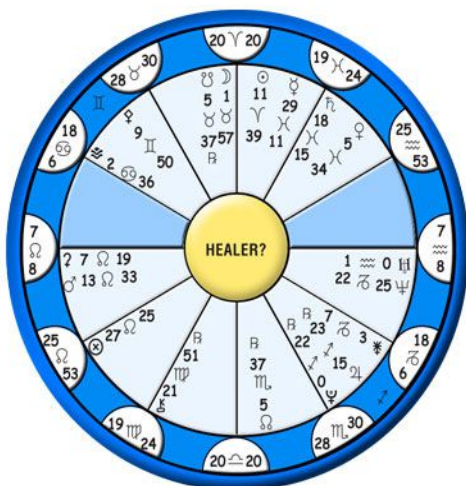


By looking at your horoscope, I would

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say yes to your pursuing a career as a spiritual-type healer. Here's why. Your Sun in Aries is in the ninth house of religion, philosophy, and higher consciousness. This placement of the Sun becomes even more significant, given that the Sun is the ruler of your Leo Ascendant. The ruler of the Ascendant is known as the ruling planet of the horoscope, and it symbolizes how you personally approach life. Where this ruler falls in the natal horoscope defines how you experience yourself and life itself. Having a Sun that is in a fire-sign and in the ninth house suggests that you are a seeker of truth who is intuitive and visionary.

Your Moon in Taurus is on your South Node in the tenth house of life direction and career. With that Moon ruling your twelfth house of spirituality and talents from past lives, your spiritual interests might be karmic and could have a direct effect on the kind of work you would want to do in the outer world. This Moon is exalted in Taurus, which would make you very empathic and nurturing in your role as a healer, especially with the asteroid Ceres making a conjunction with your Rising Sign Leo. Ceres is the archetype of the Great Mother. With Ceres so close to your Ascendant, you would exude a very motherly and/or safe persona. All of this



speaks well for someone who wants to help other people in a nurturing capacity.

Saturn in the natal horoscope represents our sense of reality and how we concretize our lives on every level. Saturn symbolizes physical incarnation. Wherever we find Saturn in the natal chart is where individuals must work hard to make their lives real and purposeful. The sign and house placement of Saturn describes where and how the individual will pursue creating a solid foundation in her life. Saturn in Pisces suggests that you need to make your life real through a creative and/or spiritual life direction. The foundation of your life would be built on empathy, compassion, spirituality, and creativity. With both Venus and Saturn in Pisces in the eighth house of death, rebirth, and transformation and with Saturn being the ruler of your sixth house of work and service, it makes complete sense that you would find yourself drawn to work that involves helping other people either spiritually or creatively. Since Saturn can also describe our fears, you may find yourself a little nervous when it comes to your ability to be psychic. You simply need to give form to your empathic nature so that you have a sense of direction. Therefore, building a practice as a healer or taking certain courses toward developing your intuitive abilities would provide you with some concrete tools to manifest your talents in this area.

You also have Mercury in Pisces, which is another indicator of your telepathic abilities, as Mercury is the messenger and Pisces rules over the ethereal world. Let your Moon in Taurus ground you in a particular career direction so that you are able to channel your intuitive and psychic abilities in a way that makes sense both professionally and personally. It is important for you, as a healer, to remain grounded in your physical body and in the material world so that you don't become frightened or confused by what you are feeling. Remember, too, that your gifts are from the Divine and can be used positively

to assist other people on their life journeys.

You have both Jupiter and Pluto in Sagittarius in the fifth house of self-expression. With these two planets in Sagittarius, you would have both a deep need for seeking truth and meaning and many opportunities to expand your life through travel, philosophy, and higher education. With Saturn now at the start of its transit of Sagittarius, the next two years should be a really good time for you to concretize your studies in metaphysics. You may want to seek out other people who are also interested in this path. This would not only be enjoyable on a personal level, but would also benefit your overall work life. You may do some traveling over the next few years, meet an important teacher figure, or at the very least take some workshops in spiritual healing. Since Saturn rules the sixth house of health and work, you may eventually use your gifts to help heal people on a physical level as well. This is a good time for you to acquire, enhance, and develop your skills as an intuitive.

With Jupiter moving through your first house of new beginnings and self-identity until the end of July 2015, there is still a chance for doors to open for you and to have many opportunities to move in this new direction. Your natal horoscope reflects your abilities, and the transits right now are supporting you to make your heart's desire a reality.

NEEDS HELP IN STARTING OVER

Dear Eileen, I am a 42-year-old single mother of four kids trying to figure out where or what my next move should be in life. The loss of my job and condo last year has prompted me to move myself and my two youngest children back to the home of my parents. I feel like there is a black cloud over my head. I am obtaining an associate degree, have exhausted all my options, and feel that I should move and start over again somewhere else. I would appreciate some guidance about the future.

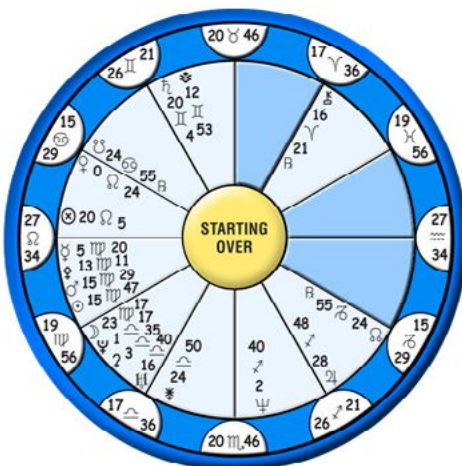
I was born September 8, 1972, at 4:47 A.M. E.D.T., 42N13/70W56.

While you may feel that there is a black cloud hanging over your head, just remember that we are living in times that are very trying economically, so it is not unusual for people to lose both their job and home at the same time. These challenging times would certainly be even more difficult for a single mother of four. That said, let's look at your horoscope and see how you can move forward toward a better future.

With both your Sun and Moon in Virgo, you are obviously a very hard-working individual who has had to attend to the many details of everyday life. Your Mars in Virgo makes an exact conjunction with your Sun near the cusp of your second house of earned income, indicating that you are a financially independent person who has had to support yourself and your family on your own. Pluto, the planet of death and rebirth and transformation, in your second house is another indicator that you have been very driven to survive economically and that periods of economic crisis would force you to make some extreme changes and transformations. Obviously, this is one of those moments when you are being challenged to

take your life in a totally new direction in order to support yourself and your family. Although you are living in your parents' home right now, you also mention that you are thinking of relocating and making a new start. Saturn transits Sagittarius for the next two-and-a-half years, moving through your fourth house of home and family until roughly 2017. There could be two different manifestations of this transit. One would be that you remain at your parents' home for practical reasons; the other would be that you relocate to a totally different city and state where you would have more career possibilities. Transiting Jupiter in Leo will be making a conjunction with your Ascendant in late July and early August 2015, and this could be a really good time to improve your overall domestic environment. Jupiter transits always bring the possibility of expanding our lives and restoring our confidence.

Last year, Saturn began transiting your fourth house while it was still in Scorpio. This was a very crisis-oriented time, and you may have felt that you were hitting rock bottom when you had to return to your parents' home. Now that Saturn is in Sagittarius, however, you may be feeling a little bit less pessimistic and ready to make new plans for the future. With your natal Saturn in Gemini in your tenth house of life direction, you may have pursued various careers in your life, but Saturn here describes an individual who feels the need to take on responsibilities and commitments in the outer world. The square to your Saturn from your Virgo planets also denotes someone who has had to face many life challenges but is very resilient. Whether you become an authority figure or you work for one, you don't feel grounded in life unless you have some kind of professional security. You may have to be open now to moving to almost any place where you can procure work and financial stability. With your natal Jupiter in Sagittarius, you have the capacity for adventure and may actually do much better in a new, unfamiliar environment. This



Jupiter placement also suggests that you would benefit from the law, education, philosophy, and travel. Perhaps a job position in any of those fields would provide you with a new and better future.

While the South Node is the karmic past, the North Node in the natal horoscope describes the path the individual must take in this lifetime to achieve personal fulfillment and realization. Your South Node in Cancer is the part of you that wanted family and a home; however, your natal North Node in Capricorn is about moving toward professional fulfillment in the outer world. Since your North Node in Capricorn is in the fifth house, your children are your destiny. Because you were a single mother, you have had to work hard in the outer world to provide security for your family. Since the North Node in Capricorn describes your spiritual destiny, it suggests that you always have the capacity to find work and to pull your life together in a positive way. There is no question that you will be able to start over again somewhere else and that you will attract another job and professional opportunity. While you can be very sacrificial and emotional when it comes to family, with Neptune in your fourth house and with the South Node in Cancer, you can also be very practical and make decisions based on what is realistically necessary.

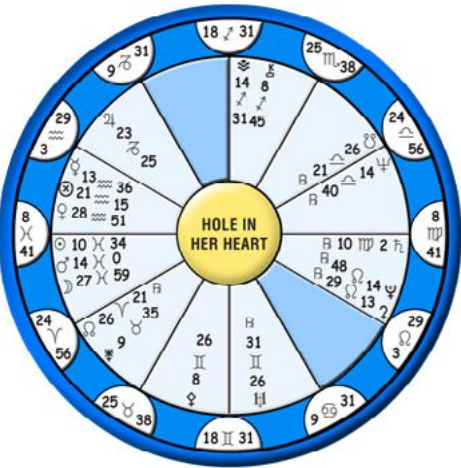
During 2016-17, transiting Saturn in Sagittarius will be making an opening square to your Virgo planets. This means that you will be reevaluating the decisions you made during 2008-9 when Saturn was transiting Virgo NS making conjunctions to those Virgo planets. This is an important time coming up in your life when you will be making some adjustments and concrete decisions about the overall direction of your life. With transiting Jupiter, though, coming to your first house of new beginnings this summer, you will definitely have the confidence to make improvements in your life. Also, Jupiter will be transiting Virgo from mid-August 2015

through August 2016, which will be another time for new opportunities and for you to create a new vision for your future. I wish the very best for you and for your family.

**BROTHER'S DEATH LEFT
A HOLE IN HER HEART**

Dear Eileen, With as much as I know astrology, I was still blown away by my brother's death in October of last year. I loved and protected him growing up, and he will always be my little brother. His death has left a hole in my heart, and I practically feel emotionally paralyzed. I would appreciate any insights you can give me at this time. I was born March 1, 1949, at 6:30 A.M. E.S.T., 40N38/73W56. My brother was born March 5, 1952.

I am so sorry for your loss. It is not unusual for people to feel completely devastated and paralyzed by the loss of a loved one. We don't often read about how the death of a sibling can be traumatizing for people in adulthood, but what you are feeling is completely appropriate to the situation. By the time you read my response, transiting Saturn will have already left your eighth house of death and re-birth, which may have helped you to begin to heal from the initial shock of losing your dear brother. While the grief process will



go on for some time, you may at this point feel less paralyzed and more able to process your own feelings. I would never attempt to speculate on what precipitated his untimely death, as it is more important for us to help you to understand your own experience of what has occurred and how you can go forward with your own life.

When your brother passed away, transiting Saturn in Scorpio was at the very end of your eighth house of death and transformation. With Saturn ruling your eleventh house of friendship, you probably felt that you had lost your best friend. It is obvious from your letter that you were definitely his best friend and advocate when you were children growing up together. With your Pisces Moon ruling your fifth house of children, you must have been very nurturing toward him, and you may feel like you have lost your child. This is further affirmed by your brother's Moon-Uranus conjunction in Cancer falling on the cusp of your fifth house of love and children. While you may not have seen each other on a regular basis, you always felt deeply connected to him, which is why you feel his death has left a hole in your heart.

Neptune is now transiting the sign Pisces, which is very significant for all of you born under that Sun-Sign. Since Neptune rules the invisible world and transiting Neptune is making a conjunction with your Ascendant this year, this may be a good time for you to begin to heal yourself spiritually as much as possible, given that Neptune will be in your sign for many years. While you may have moments of fatigue and feelings of being helpless in the face of your loss, Neptune can also soothe your soul through music, poetry, spirituality, or just long walks by the ocean. You may need to slow down your life over the next few years so that you have time for rest and recuperation, as your brother's passing has coincided with you entering a new stage of your life. These years are about developing yourself

both creatively and spiritually and having more time for your own inner processes. While you may feel somewhat confused and lost psychologically right now, your Neptune transit can lead you to refining your life and focusing on what is more spiritually essential for your survival.

Going forward into the future, transiting Jupiter in Virgo will be moving through your seventh house of other people starting in September of this year and continues transiting that house in that sign until September 2016. Given that your natal Jupiter is in your eleventh house of associations and groups, this would be an excellent time to expand your social circles and reach out to other people for support. With transiting Jupiter making oppositions with your Pisces placements (Sun, Mars, and Moon) during that time, you will need other people to help you to move forward with your future. The good thing about a Jupiter transit is that it not only provides us with new possibilities, but it can also help to restore confidence in ourselves and give a renewed sense of optimism. Perhaps you will become more involved in some community/group experience that will provide you with a sense of belonging to assuage your own feelings of loss and sadness. It is often through sharing our grief with others that we realize that we are not alone in our experience. While it takes time to move through such a profound loss, this Jupiter transit may simply give you the energy that you need to keep going in your life. Besides, transiting Pluto in Capricorn is moving through your eleventh house for the next ten years, suggesting that your friendships are changing and/or that you may meet someone who acts as a catalyst for transforming the direction of your life. With Pluto ruling your natal ninth house of religion, philosophy, and higher consciousness, this might manifest in becoming involved with a group of people who are of like mind and vision.

I'm not sure whether or not you are thinking of retirement at this point in your

life, but transiting Saturn in Sagittarius will be coming to your tenth house of life direction at the very end of 2016. This transit usually manifests as either reaching the pinnacle of one's career or bringing a career path in the outer world to karmic completion. Transiting Saturn in Sagittarius made an opening square to your natal Saturn in Virgo in January of this year and will repeat that aspect in May and then again in October 2015. This is an important Saturn cycle, given that you experienced your second Saturn Return between September 2007 and May 2008. The second Saturn Return is a major turning point in our lives. For you, it would have involved the future of your work life. With transiting Saturn now coming to make a square to your natal Saturn, another reevaluation of your overall life direction on all levels is due.

I wish you some inner peace during this time of emotional recuperation. Know that when it comes to the sign of Pisces, you and your brother will always remain connected to one another on a soul and spiritual level.

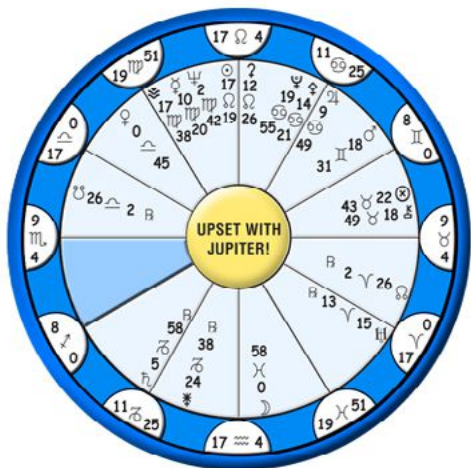
UPSET WITH JUPITER!

Dear Eileen, I am very upset with Jupiter. I read that transits of Jupiter to the Midheaven are supposed to be marked by significant events. I was hoping that Jupiter to my Sun would bring me some good luck, but instead I broke a tooth and haven't had much luck financially either. I am 84 but look like I'm in my sixties and feel there's a lot of life left for me. I would like my remaining years to be golden, not leaden. Is there any good news coming my way? Could you explain astrologically why the stars have so far disappointed me? Thanks so much for your insights. I was born August 10, 1930, at 1:00 P.M. E.D.T., 40N38/73W56.

The good news for you is that you are not over your Jupiter transits yet, so there is still time for you to experience some good fortune. While transiting Jupiter

made a conjunction to your Sun and Midheaven in October of last year and again in February of this year, it will make still another conjunction to the Sun and Midheaven this June. The difference now is that Saturn will not be in Scorpio moving through your first house of self-identity and new beginnings. Transiting Saturn in Scorpio came to your first house at the end of 2012 and then departed that sign for Sagittarius in December 2014. Saturn will be transiting Sagittarius until December 2017, during which time it will make trines to your Leo placements (Ceres, the Sun, and Midheaven) throughout 2016. It doesn't surprise me that you had some dental problems last year, as Saturn medically relates to teeth and bones. The reason why the first hit of Jupiter did not bring you as much luck as you had anticipated was because it was mitigated by the Saturn-in-Scorpio transit, which was a much heavier and more intense vibration than Jupiter in Leo. Without you even knowing it, however, it could have been a lot worse if it hadn't been for the protection of that Jupiter transit. Saturn in Scorpio through your first house of the physical body could have caused much more serious health issues if it hadn't been for Jupiter making a conjunction with your Sun in Leo.

The Jupiter transits this year will prob-



ably be more positive and forward moving for you, given the fact that Saturn is no longer blocking your energy in the first house. The trines from transiting Saturn in Sagittarius to your Sun and Midheaven in 2016 suggest that you will be able to incorporate some new structures into your life that will enhance your sense of security. With an elevated Sun in Leo, I believe you when you say that you look like you are in your sixties even though you are 84 years old. The Sun in Leo gives tremendous vitality, and having your Sun in Leo at the Midheaven makes that Leo Sun even more dynamic. Your Scorpio Ascendant has also given you regenerative powers that have added to your sense of well-being. The Leo/Scorpio combination usually describes very passionate and creative individuals with the personal strength and ability to transform their lives. As you know, you are also in the midst of your Uranus Return, a major astrological cycle that occurs for everybody at 84 years of age. This planet of radical change is also going to be making a trine to your Leo Sun and Midheaven this year. Given that Uranus rules your fourth house of home and family, you may want to move into a new living situation that will give you more freedom and independence. With your natal Moon in Pisces in your fourth house, you are a very sensitive individual who needs your home to be a sanctuary away from the noise of the outer world. Transiting Saturn moving through your second house of money for a couple of years, starting at the close of 2015, can help you to make some practical decisions about securing your future for the remaining years of your life.

As far as partnership is concerned, Venus, the planet that rules your seventh house of significant relationships, is at 0° Libra, which is technically a degree that falls on what astrologers call the world axis. That means that your Venus is very prominent in your chart and that other people experience you as a beautiful, gracious, and loving person. It also means

that you will always have the capacity to attract admirers to you. With a Uranus Return in Aries and a Jupiter transit to your Sun, anything unexpected can happen this year, and you will certainly have some life-affirming experiences. There is nothing like a Jupiter transit to bring faith, confidence, and a more positive attitude back into our lives. It is true that you may not have felt the full effects of your Jupiter and Uranus transits because of the transit of Saturn in Scorpio through your first house, but the transits have changed now and you still have time to experience the more upbeat effects of these planetary energies. Transiting Saturn in Sagittarius will create a Grand Trine in fire with your natal Sun and Uranus during 2016-17. This can create an opportunity for you to take your life in a new, refreshing direction. These years may turn out to be some of the best in your life, and if there is any sign that can live life to the fullest even in old age, it is Leo!



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A Sun-Sign Guide to the Perfect Mother's Day Gift



by TIEN STARLING

Everyone wants to buy his or her mother a nice gift for Mother's Day, but choosing just the right present often comes with its challenges. Anyone can give flowers and chocolates, and most moms will be pleased to get that fresh bouquet and those delectable sweets. But wouldn't it be wonderful to see your mom's face light up with delight when she lifts the silk ribbon and finds just the thing she's always wanted inside that box on the one day of the year when we publicly treasure our moms?



If you'd like your mom to say, "Oh, it's just what I've always wanted!" Or, my personal favorite: "How did you know?" This star-guided gift guide will lead you to the perfect present for your mom, personalized just for her with a little help from the

stars. Sun-Signs give us clues as to exactly what type of gift your mother would love. From busy Aries moms to mystical Pisces mommies, the zodiac offers a tailored guide to suit your mother's astrological tastes. Covering the spectrum of least

costly to most expensive, the following list will guide you to the perfect gift for your own mother. Add a dash of imagination and this list will point you in the direction of your mom's favorite things.

If your mom is an **Aries**, she will delight in fiery flowers in hues of bright red. With their rocket-shaped blossoms that seem to explode into space, bromeliads are often an Aries favorite. If selecting the perfect chocolate for your Aries, a single milk or dark chocolate bar flavored with hot chili would appeal to her fiery palette. She would adore a bunch of edible red peppers that could be hung from her pot rack, doing double duty with their fiery red color adding a dash of spicy décor to her often busy kitchen and giving a peppery kick to her culinary dishes. A ticket to the latest action flick will often propel this mom to head out to the movies and plant a kiss on your cheek to thank you for your thoughtfulness on the way there. She loves action. For those carrying larger cash on hand, this mom would love a trip to the Grand Canyon or any outdoor place where she can take hikes, roam, or just shop to her heady delight (Aries rules the head).

For those whose moms were born under the **Taurus** Sun, the Bull loves luxury. Good flower choices include Venus-inspired roses and orchids (which mean "elegant beauty," according to flower lore—Venus would love that!). As for chocolates, Taurus would love those little bottles filled with liqueur (if she drinks alcohol), since this sign rules the throat. She would also love a warm scarf to cover her voluptuous neck or, if the bank account is brimming, a luxurious necklace to show off this beautiful, graceful feature of hers. A nice trip to a high-end hotel with a lobby full of cozy couches would also appeal to this creature of comfort.

If your mother happens to be a **Gemini**, flowers that come in clusters, like

those that pop up in threes from bulbs, would do, as would daisies. A small jar of miniature chocolates, colorful jelly beans, or foil-wrapped edibles would make her the center of office (or neighborhood) chatter. She would like that, as gossip tends to be her thing. A small voice recorder would help her retain those ever-zinging thoughts that fly through her lively mind at the speed of Mercury (her ruler). For pricier items, you might consider a Segue that she could use to zoom through the neighborhood to get that local news first-hand. She might also enjoy a day trip to a museum of great thinkers or a picnic in the park.

For those with moms born under the unlikely lunar power of the Sun, you, as the child of this most motherly lady of the zodiac, hold a most precious gift indeed. **Cancer** moms adore their children, even if they don't show it in obvious ways. They may be quite honestly happy with handmade cards and painted flowers. If you'd like to give her chocolates, she would thoroughly enjoy homemade brownies or hand-rolled truffles covered in anything from your kitchen. This lady was meant to be a mother. She would love a cookbook, and would likely adore a homemade recipe in your handwriting. For pricier gifts, a week-end stay at a bed-and-breakfast would infuse your lucky Moon mother with emotional joy for the year to come. Even better, choose a locale close to the seashore. She will remember this gift—and your generosity for giving it—forever.

You who have **Leo** moms get to bask in their playful sunlight all year. Festive flowers in yellows, oranges, and reds will brighten your mom's special day. Tiger lilies bring a smile to their already cheerful faces. Chocolates covered in gold foil will make them feel happy. A day at an amusement park will delight those with larger wallets who want to shower their Leonine mamas with plenty. Your mom will want to share her fun and excitement with you. Add a

dash of praise and give her the limelight for the day and she will cherish you like no other. Other choices for fatter wallets include colorful clothes, gold jewelry, and trips to a day spa, which will make her feel like royalty.

Those of you who have **Virgo** moms might consider white flowers for these purely perfect moms. Obviously, not virgins (their Sun-Sign's symbol), these moms do enjoy the sensual pleasures in life, whether it's rich, creamy white chocolate or fragrant white roses, all Virgos like perfection in their lives. Anything that helps them attain that perfection will be greeted with a welcome grace and adoring eyes. From perfect chocolates in a simple but elegant white box to an organizer for their myriad coupons to support these practical-efficiency experts, Virgo moms will appreciate your thoughtful gift and beam with pleasure. For those of you with money to spare, a house-cleaning service provided by a reputable company would be accepted with pleasure. A gym membership, given with a nice card saying something about keeping her beautiful body in perfect shape, will be greeted with gratitude rather than offense if careful wording is used (due to Mercury's rule), as this sign appreciates health (Virgo rules the sixth house). Efforts to support healthful living are appreciated.

People with **Libran** moms might give a pair of pastel flowers to their mothers. Chocolates in an edible bouquet would be

quaintly appreciated by this lover of beauty. Libra is an air sign, so a pretty book or used copy of a classic would suit this literary mom's exquisite taste. For those of you who would like to adorn your stylish mom with a new outfit, a lovely new dress with a belt or a sash (Librans love things that come in twos) would show off her pink cheeks or often-present dimples. If you prefer to spend a bit more, a seven-course meal at a Michelin-rated restaurant will delight this mom's finely tuned culinary senses.



Those of you who have **Scorpio** mothers understand that she loves you no matter what you give her. Though she may or may not always show you that love in the way you might expect, you have no doubt that her love is deep, abiding, and never-ending. After all, she is ruled by Hades/Pluto, God of the Underworld. If you'd like to give her flowers, amaze her with something she's never seen before, like purple tulips or fruit blossoms. Chocolate-covered strawberries remind

her of the sweetness underneath her hard exterior. For those with wallets to fill her every desire, a getaway near the beach, accompanied by a fine dinner with red wine, will simply delight this committed mom.

People with **Sagittarius** moms would do well to plunk a big bouquet of the largest flowers you can find smack in the middle of a table—right next to a large piece of chocolate, especially if it's infused with the scent of a large fruit. The Centaur fol-

lows her nose to high places, often on roller skates, skis, or a horse. If she doesn't have skates, snow skis, or a quarter horse, any of them would make a fabulous gift. She loves anything large and grandiose—the bigger the better. If your wallet is fat, take her to an extreme sporting event. She might insist on taking up one of the sports after she sees it, so be ready to buy her the gear when the contest is over, because she'll be ready to bound outside and try out her new equipment as soon as she gets home—this mom rarely sits at home for long.

If your mom happens to be a **Capricorn**, a lovely vase of carnations would suit this smart mother nicely. A small box of chocolates labeled with a guide under the box lid will appeal to her practical and efficient approach to selecting the best-tasting candy in the box. She would also appreciate a new suit, if your budget affords. Gray or blue would be an instant success in her mind. For the corporate elite, to which this woman might very well aspire, a charter flight to executive suites at a nice hotel would bring about this Mountain Goat's more playful side. When she gets to see the view from above, her wit-tidy side emerges and the fun starts. A comedy show would enhance her sardonic wit.

For those of you with friendly **Aquarian** moms, you probably enjoy great repartee with your mom quite often. As the Water Bearer, she might love a vase filled with water that she can see (as often she can't see under the human expanse, just through it). Fill the clear vase with bright colors to remind her that life is full of freshness and zest. Be a love and change the water for her daily, if you can; it will feel as though you've lightened her load every day for a week until you toss the flowers for her when their freshness is gone. By these simple chores, you show her your willingness to help bear her often heavy load. Chocolates with bold flavors, painted with colorful coatings, will remind her of the

lightness humanity can bring when creativity bursts forth in playful endeavors. She would enjoy a pair of zany socks, as this sign rules the ankles—or leg warmers; dancing lightens her mood and takes her mind off her worries, which are many, as she wants to help humanity be its best. If you'd like to share your wealth with your mom, she would love a granny flat that is paid for. She's so busy looking after you and the rest of her kids, which happen to include all of us humans that she sometimes forgets to take care of herself.

If your mom swims with the fishes, your **Pisces** mom might enjoy a planted pot of tuberose, which is said to be an aphrodisiac, so it may be best for this gift to be given by dad. Water lilies or a small fountain would calm her nerves. Chocolates in interesting shapes would appeal to this creative soul. She adores film. Tickets to an art movie would appeal to her artistic sense. Tarot cards are said to be given, not bought for oneself, so this mystical magic-maker, ruled by Neptune, might enjoy a deck of these cards. But ask first; not everyone loves tapping into their hidden abilities. As for those who would like to spend a bit more on your Piscean mother, she might enjoy a cruise or a trip to the sea.

Whether your mom is a misty Piscean woman or a fiery Aries gal, she will enjoy the solar gift you give her. The Sun acts to brighten our day, to illuminate our path, and to guide us even in the task of finding perfect gifts for our moms, who have given so much of their time, talent, attention, and effort in guiding us along our paths. The stars remind us that the light above shows the way to even the simplest of things. By observing the special qualities of their individual Sun-Signs, we begin to see our mothers as unique, multi-faceted people with preferences and tastes as infinite as the imagination will allow. With a little help from the stars, may your Mother's Day be magical, wondrous, and full of loving gestures, including kisses, warm embraces, and fond memories.

YOUR LOVE MONEY HEALTH



by *MICHELLE PERRIN*



ARIES

♥ **LOVE:** Your love life is a highly charged dynamo of passionate power—but neither you nor your lover want to pay to keep the turbines churning. Your lover may decide he or she is not the electric company and pull the plug on financial handouts at the Full Moon in your joint-resources sector squaring overblown Jupiter in your romance zone on the 3rd. Once you start paying your own way, you will realize how financially draining the party is when Jupiter squares the Sun in your earnings zone on the 4th.

\$ **MONEY:** Unless you are Anthony Bourdain, it's very difficult to cook up an income while globe-trotting to exotic locations. With the Sun in your earnings sector trining ambitious Pluto in your career zone on the 6th, you have many opportunities to increase your wages, but feel exceedingly hemmed in when the 17th's New Moon in your salary zone moves in to oppose restrictive Saturn in your travel sector on the 18th. You long to widen your vistas, but it's better to enjoy the view from your office window to fully exploit this month's financial opportunities.

☺ **HEALTH:** Aren't you too old to be a cry-

baby? While everyone gives an adorable toddler a cuddle when it starts bawling, your whining will only grate on everyone's nerves—and further your sense of alienation. A deep-rooted persecution complex may lead you to moan and groan when blathering Mercury, loudmouthed Mars, and a vulnerable Sun in your communications zone square hypersensitive Neptune in your psychology sector on the 9th, 25th and 31st. Stop blaming everyone else for your inner feelings of unease.

TAURUS

♥ **LOVE:** Tightly wound-up tensions around the homestead may serve to spring your partner into the outside world at the Full Moon in your commitment zone squaring hair-trigger Jupiter in your home zone while trining escapist Neptune in your sector of social networking on the 3rd. Instead of watching your sweetie flee to less-suffocating pastures from behind a closed bedroom window, try to get out with your lover and socialize with friends. Togetherness with an entire group, instead of just two, will add fresh air to your relationship.

\$ **MONEY:** Everyone wants a piece of your pie, but the grocer has stopped delivering key ingredients. Loans, credit, and other

sources of financing are drying up, causing a rapidly depleting larder, when messenger Mercury in your earnings zone opposes tightwad Saturn on the 3rd. Yet all your pals down at the diner are still expecting free samples when Mercury, a stressed-out Mars, and the Sun square delusional Neptune in your friendship sector on the 9th, 25th, 31st. When Mercury goes retrograde on the 18th, it's time to review how you make, and save, money.

☺ **HEALTH:** You will be glibber than Matt Lauer at a Scientology conference on the evils of modern-day psychological practice when flippant Venus in your communications zone squares frivolous Uranus in the sector of your subconscious mind on the 25th. Instead of getting to the root of the worries plaguing your subconscious mind, your anxiety will morph into facetious verbal condescension towards those around you in a heedless, passive-aggressive attempt to spread the grief you are feeling instead of curing it.

GEMINI

♥ **LOVE:** If your partner is doodling the image of a little cartoon man peaking over a wall all around your home, it's only their way of letting you know Killjoy is here. Inspired Mercury, gung-ho Mars, and a motivated Sun are filling you with enthusiasm, but the downbeat, duty-obsessed, narrow-mindedness of your partner could be bringing down your buzz when these planets oppose joyless Saturn on the 3rd, 15th, and 22nd. Try to figure out how to balance your needs with your partner's when Mercury goes retro on the 18th.

\$ **MONEY:** Venus enters your earning sector on the 7th, bestowing you with enough suave charm to sell ice to the Inuit. Unfortunately, all that cold, hard cash is going straight to buying some ice for your cocktails—leaving your bank account as frozen over as an arctic tundra. Socializing can eat a massive whole in your budget on the 25th when Venus

squares spend-now-think-later Uranus in your friendship zone. With Venus opposing Pluto in your credit sector on the 21st, you won't be able to sweet talk the debt collector.

☺ **HEALTH:** Make sure you have four apples on hand to get you through the beginning of the month. You will want to keep the doctor away on the 3rd and 4th when the Full Moon in your sector of bodily wellness and the Sun in your psychology zone square a tongue-tied Jupiter in your communication sector, and you may have a hard time accurately describing your ailments. Once dynamic Mars and a life-affirming Sun zoom into your identity zone on the 11th and 21st, you will feel reinvigorated and robust.

CANCER

♥ **LOVE:** Don't turn in at midnight on Cinco de Mayo because the festive party spirit will bring you and your sweetie incredibly closer together in the wee hours of May 6 when a celebratory Sun in your social sector sends a harmonious trine to soul-mate Pluto in your partnership zone. Try to keep this lighthearted spirit going throughout the month or you could quickly devolve back into your clingy, needy ways when co-dependent Venus opposes Pluto on the 21st, driving your partner away.

\$ **MONEY:** With the Sun and Mars in your friendship zone, you will be quite the social butterfly, but your bank account may not be prepared to pay for all the fun and festivity, especially when the Full Moon and Sun square Jupiter in your earnings sector on the 3rd and 4th. The Full Moon will help slow down your expenditures, and by the time Mars enters your privacy zone on the 11th, you will enter a period of solitary cocooning that will help you save instead of spend.

☺ **HEALTH:** Your mortal coil risks getting wound up tight as a top because of inner

feelings of angst and anxiety. Jittery Mercury, suppressed Mars, and the Sun in your psychology zone will be opposing an energy-depleting Saturn in your sector of physical wellness on the 3rd, 15th, and 22nd. You have a lot of issues swirling around inside you that could be zapping you of external vitality. Make time for meditation once Mercury goes retrograde on the 18th in order to increase inner awareness and achieve balance.

LEO

♥ **LOVE:** Your partner isn't the life of the party, and certainly doesn't want you to be either. With chatty Mercury, extroverted Mars, and a vibrant Sun in your socializing zone, you will be the Belle (or Beau) of the ball, but when these planets oppose curmudgeonly Saturn in your romance sector on the 3rd, 15th, and 22nd, your significant other may disapprove of your popularity. Don't let them kill your good time; if they are not in the mood to mingle, leave them at home.

\$ **MONEY:** Family members may be cramping your style, but they are also filling your coffers. A moody Full Moon in your family zone squares just-let-me-feel-good Jupiter in your identity sector on the 3rd, and relatives may be killing your vibe. Luckily, the Moon is trining kindly Neptune in your joint-resources zone, so they will also be adding life to your bank account, unlike friends who, while amusing, are just asking for handouts when Mercury, Mars, and the Sun in your social zone square Neptune on the 9th, 25th, and 31st.

☺ **HEALTH:** Worldly success translates into a healthy glow when the Sun in your sector of public recognition trines regenerative Pluto in your health sector on the 6th, but all that hard work starts taking its toll once self-pampering Venus enters your zone of psychological renewal on the 7th. Stress may overtake you when Venus opposes Pluto on the 21st and squares running-on-all-cylinders Uranus on the

25th. Make sure to create a healthy work-life balance and dedicate a few hours each day to relaxation and "me" time.

VIRGO

♥ **LOVE:** Overtime at the office could make your partner feel that he or she is over you. Mercury, the Sun, and Mars are making you a dynamo at the office, but your significant other is a black hole of neediness that could pull you away from your career ambitions, especially when these planets square attention-draining Neptune in your love zone on the 9th, 25th, and 31st. Be sure to go for a romantic night on the town with your sweetie when besotted Venus in your social zone trines Neptune on the 16th so that your lover feels wanted.

\$ **MONEY:** It costs a lot of moolah to pay for those twinkle toes. With super-charming Venus in your social sector as of the 7th, you are King (or Queen) of the Dance Floor, but stepping out from party to party will be socking it to your bank account, especially when luxury-loving Venus squares an unsteady Uranus in your credit sector on the 25th. Think up some lower-cost ways to have fun. If you stop worrying so much about keeping up with the Joneses, you won't need to keep running from the bill collector.

☺ **HEALTH:** The Sun's rays are flooding your sector of cosmic enlightenment and travel until the 21st, so why do you feel so disconnected from the stream of life's energy? Self-absorbed Jupiter in your psychology zone is keeping your gaze strictly on your navel, especially when it squares the Sun on the 4th. You are trapped in your own thoughts and self-pity when light is illuminating the world around you—if you take some risks on the 6th, when the Sun trines Pluto, you will feel regenerated and inspired.

LIBRA

♥ **LOVE:** For the past few years, you have been like a Sherpa of love, climbing up un-

ending arduous peaks and surviving heart-thumping descents. You have broken through to a relatively peaceful plateau in your romantic landscape this month, but you may still trip up on some unexpected, but momentary, underbrush on the 25th when Venus in your career zone squares volatile Uranus in your commitment sector. You may choose to escape into the kind-hearted camaraderie of the office to evade your unpredictable partner's constantly changing moods.

\$ MONEY: Dropping names isn't going to lighten your financial burden any, but may only end up breaking the bank. Your account balance could take a bruising on the 3rd and 4th when the Full Moon in your earnings sector and Sun in your credit zone square out-to-impress Jupiter in your house of social networking. Luckily, your heedless approach to spending and desire to social-climb calms down when reckless, ambitious Mars and the Sun exit your debt sector on the 11th and 21st.

☺ **HEALTH:** You may feel like Dante wandering lost in the forest, looking vainly for Virgil to show him the entrance to the Nine Circles of Hell. You are on an existential quest to greater enlightenment this month that could ultimately sap your physical vitality while enriching your mind and soul when intellectual Mercury, boundary-breaking Mars, and a life-affirming Sun in your sector of conscious awareness square zapped-out Neptune in your zone of bodily wellness on the 9th, 25th, and 31st.

SCORPIO

♥ **LOVE:** Luckily, the 3rd is a Sunday, a day of rest, when you can momentarily shut out the demands of the workplace and cuddle with your sweetie at the Full Moon squaring all-consuming Jupiter in your career sector. Professional obligations have been sucking up a lot of your attention recently, but make time on the 6th to connect with your partner when the

Sun in your commitment sector sends loving vibes to enduring Pluto in your communications zone.

\$ MONEY: Hope you enjoy that roll in the hay, because it may cause you to fall from your financial throne. Saturn in your income sector is making money hard to come by, causing problems as to how to divide joint resources when it is opposed by perplexed Mercury, demanding Mars, and an egocentric Sun on the 3rd, 15th, and 22nd. Lorelei lovers will fill your heart but drain your bank account when Mars, Mercury, and the Sun in your savings zone square temptress Neptune in your romance sector on the 25th, 29th, and 31st.

☺ **HEALTH:** You are so awe-inspired by the beauty and possibilities of the world that you may be frozen in fear from fully participating in the joys of existence when a star-struck, poetic Venus in your sector of enlightenment and travel squares anxiety-ridden Uranus in your wellness zone on the 25th. Realize that fear is just a construct of the mind that is keeping you from fully engaging with all the endless wonders and opportunities around you. Stop being such a worrywart and get out and live.

SAGITTARIUS

♥ **LOVE:** Playing the field could be so exciting if the bonds of intimacy didn't keep getting in the way. With flirty Uranus in your romance sector, you are enjoying sowing your wild oats, but when it is squared by sentimental Venus in your sector of emotional and physical togetherness on the 25th, you can't help but grow closer to one particular sweetie. With Mercury, passionate Mars, and a vibrant Sun in your partnership zone opposing solitary Saturn in your identity sector on the 3rd, 15th, and 22nd, you are torn between commitment and going it alone.

\$ MONEY: When Venus enters your house of credit on the 7th, all you want to do is

indulge in high-ticket items bought on credit, but Pluto in your earnings sector has the upper hand by ensuring that you always have an eye on the bottom line and don't overspend, especially when Venus opposes Pluto on the 21st. A good day to ask for a raise, pitch a project, or receive a bonus is when the Sun in your sector of daily work trines Pluto on the 6th.

☺ **HEALTH:** Robust Mars and a bouncy New Moon in your health sector are energizing you, as well as prodding you to get back in shape, no matter how worn out you feel. Devitalizing Saturn in your identity sector has been sapping you of your strength the past few months, but exercising your body will help lift your spirits. A good day to start new wellness initiatives is when the New Moon opposes Saturn on the 18th—the plans you implement now can take root for the rest of the year.

CAPRICORN

♥ **LOVE:** With passionate Mars and an ego-enhancing Sun in your romance zone and besotted Venus in your partnership sector, you will be drowning in a sea of love. Luckily, you have brought your oxygen tank so you can witness with full consciousness all the exotic splendor of your watery seascape, especially when the Sun trines Pluto in your identity zone on the 6th. The New Moon in your flirtation zone is luring you out of your shell—show your sweetie what a magnificent pearl really you are.

\$ **MONEY:** Drowning in love may also cause you to drown in debt when the Full Moon in your socializing zone squares out-of-touch-with-reality Jupiter in your credit sector on the 3rd, and you may overspend to impress a mate or potential date. As the Moon is also trining poetic Neptune in your communication zone, wooing your sweetie with a sonnet or engaging in meaningful conversation will be just as seductive as an expen-

sive dinner or high-priced gift—and a whole lot cheaper!

☺ **HEALTH:** With downcast Saturn in your solitude sector opposing persecuted Mercury, frustrated Mars, and an overly sensitive Sun in your wellness zone on the 3rd, 15th, and 22nd, you may be feeling a bit gloomy and isolated, but if you start focusing on your bodily health, you may forget that you were even depressed when Mercury goes retrograde on the 18th. Stop sulking or you will bring everyone else down when Mercury, Mars, and the Sun square a self-indulgent Neptune in your communications zone on the 9th, 25th, and 31st.

AQUARIUS

♥ **LOVE:** Talk about you and me against the world! It seems everyone—your family, friends, and even your colleagues—are against your latest love. Judgy Saturn in your social sector is opposing Mercury, passionate Mars, and an insouciant Sun in your romance zone, while the Full Moon in your career zone and Sun in your family sector are squaring all-encompassing Jupiter in your house of true love. Since there is no one that even comes close to your sweetie, stop focusing on “us vs. them” and just concentrate on “us.”

\$ **MONEY:** You are lost in the illusion of love, and also the delusion of finances. You think you have more to spend on your lovey-dovey than you really do when an addled Mercury, reckless Mars, and overly optimistic Sun in your romance sector square head-in-the-clouds Neptune in your income zone on the 9th, 25th, and 31st. Try to keep your spending in check. As much as you would like to pamper your one-and-only, those sweet nothings could end up breaking the bank.

☺ **HEALTH:** Control-loving Pluto in your psychology zone is disciplining you to stay on the straight-and-narrow, but your body is urging you to let it get lazy once lolly-

gagging Venus enters your health zone on the 7th. Give yourself a break and relax on the 21st and 25th, when Venus opposes Pluto and squares a wound-up Uranus in your communication zone. A little laziness could defuse a lot of the stress you are feeling. Use this time to pamper yourself or do a home spa day.

PISCES

♥ **LOVE:** Starry-eyed Venus is in your sector of romance from the 7th, and you will feel like Cinderella (or Cinderella) meeting her fairy godmother for the first time, opening your eyes to the greater amorous possibilities of life. Your pumpkin will finally morph into a horse-drawn carriage, whisking you off to the royal ball, when Venus trines storybook Neptune in your identity sector on the 16th. This is an excellent evening for a date night—just don't forget to wear your crystal slippers.

\$ **MONEY:** As a fanciful Pisces, you are extremely romantic—and in the most extreme sense of the word. You want to have more lit candles and vases of freshly cut red roses in your bedroom than a Rom-Com on the Lifetime Network. Just realize

all these accoutrements to amour come at a price when seductive Venus in your love zone squares incendiary Uranus in your income sector on the 25th, or a little messing around could seriously mess up your bank balance.

☺ **HEALTH:** If you are not more mindful the next time you travel, the excess-weight fee you are charged will not be for your luggage, but for the pounds you are packing on your behind. Unhealthy eating while on the road could cause your waistline to expand as rapidly as your horizons when inflating Jupiter in your sector of bodily health squares an unconsciously nibbling Full Moon in your globe-trotting zone on the 3rd. Seek out healthful options and restaurants that serve sensibly sized portions.



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Some teenagers go through puberty with little change in temperament, while others become extremely moody. Although each child becomes stressed and rebellious, some seem to react much more strongly. Those who are affected most are the ones with the natal Sun or Moon in strong aspect to Saturn or Uranus. Transiting Saturn's opposition to itself or Uranus square itself (at adolescence) is much harder on those with the Sun or Moon involved.



On the same day of her hysterectomy, a friend of mine had a Full Moon (closing chapters) conjoining her natal Leo Sun, while Pluto in Scorpio squared the configuration. Pluto rules the end of things as well as the regenerative organs. Leo rules children, and the Moon governs childbirth and motherhood. Almost two years later when transiting Pluto made a square to her natal Pluto in Leo, she had to have her gall bladder removed. Pluto also rules the gall bladder.



THE ASTROLOGICAL EDGE

MONTHLY FORECAST FOR ALL SIGNS

— by JAN SPILLER —

The pressure associated with Uranus and Pluto eases this month, as these two planets are at last beginning to separate from the square they have been making to each other! This will give us a break from the intensity that has been permeating the atmosphere since last November. Meanwhile, Jupiter traveling direct in Leo lends a burst of happy, creative, and confident energy. Add to that the light-heartedness of planets passing through Gemini (Mercury there all month, Mars entering Gemini on the 11th, followed by the Sun on the 21st, and Venus there until the 6th) and there is definitely a noticeable easing up of the pressures of the last three months in store.



Lingering tensions can still invoke global and personal change; however, the messages and actions being carried out will likely have a more moderate feel than what we have seen over the past few months. It will be important to use the available energies to think strategically

and to work with others to make the most of this potentially productive month.

Although pressure is easing, the Uranus-Pluto square will continue to be in effect. With Pluto retrograde (April 16 to September 25) and pulling away from the exact square to Uranus, we'll feel a bit of relief from the high-pressure energy that Pluto can generate, but there will still be a global and personal call to change. The difference now is that we'll have a chance to review the progress we have made so far and to think about our next action steps. This is therefore an excellent month to look at what you'd like to release from your life in order to make room for growth.

Change is occurring "behind the scenes." Some of the more visible signs of turmoil, such as political uprisings and public demonstrations, are likely to decrease, but the drive to investigate and gather the information necessary to find the truth will persist. On a personal level, you can more easily access secrets you may have kept hidden from yourself and others. It can be a powerful time for therapy or counseling, as you'll be able to push past fears or blind spots and address the root causes of any issues facing you.

Jupiter continues to be direct this month (April 8, 2015, to January 7, 2016). In Leo, Jupiter adds an uplifting energy that encourages the expression of love. People are more likely to be in tune with their hearts. As a result, compassion and

generosity can be on the increase. Jupiter, drawing closer to a trine to Uranus (exact next month on the 22nd), lends a peaceful and generous energy to the Uranus-Pluto square. This will help to temper some of the intensely rebellious emotions that have been present since Uranus entered Aries and began to move into orb of the square to Pluto in May 2010.

The Jupiter-Uranus trine will continue through early August and have an empowering effect. Worldwide, it will be possible for citizens to recognize their strength, courage, and ability to find creative solutions. The energy of Leo is highly creative, so we're likely to see more artists and musicians using their work to spread messages that encourage people to unite and overcome oppression. On a personal level, you'll be able to expand your heart in order to have more fulfilling and loving relationships. Romantic partnerships are especially likely to undergo positive changes. If you are single, the time is ripe for new romantic connections! We will all be more open to fun and playfulness as we learn to celebrate each other's unique talents.

Saturn, retrograde in Sagittarius, will continue to square Neptune in Pisces. The ringed planet, which has been retrograde since March 14, will continue its retrograde journey through August 2, 2015. Themes concerning the restructuring and rethinking of information coming from authority figures will prevail. On a global scale, people will be working on releasing fears of disobeying political or religious leaders and will instead take responsibility for finding their own inner truth. This can result in more people questioning organized religion or government and initiating movements that are based on free will and innovation instead of fear.

Individually, we are working on finding our own spiritual link with a Higher Power we can trust. The Neptune squares that occur this month are prompting us to structure our lives in a way that promotes

healing and forgiveness. It is a powerful period to take control of our time and energy so that we can direct them toward what is most meaningful. The Pisces art of forgiveness is a potent tool at this time. When we forgive others, especially parents or other authority figures who might have imposed their values upon us, we free up more of our hearts and minds. Releasing the past is the key to creating our own belief system and a new life.

Mars will move out of the slow and methodical sign Taurus and into the more active and inquisitive sign Gemini on the 11th. We'll feel a shift during the second half of the month that can mobilize us to make new connections and be open to alternate ways of achieving our goals. The time when Mars is in Gemini (May 11 to June 23) is well suited for networking and communication.

Mercury, the planet of communication, will be in Gemini for the entire month. It turns retrograde on the 18th, but we may feel the psychological effects of this station as early as the 4th. With Mars and Mercury in Gemini, this a fantastic month for writing projects. Mercury retrograde is a powerful time to review, revise, and rework anything that is already in progress. This won't, however, be a good month to jump into anything new, as retrograde Mercury's energy will be encouraging us to finish what we have started. Instead of starting something, use this time period to tie up loose ends and reconnect with old friends. Mercury goes direct on June 11, clearing the atmosphere for moving forward on new endeavors.

On the 7th, Venus will move into the nurturing sign Cancer, where she will remain until June 4, reminding us to take care of ourselves this month. Venus will be directing us to tune into what our bodies need to recharge; it may be extra sleep, water, or a relaxing massage. By making our well-being a priority, we can emerge from this month feeling better about ourselves.

The Sun, in Taurus until the 20th, will

also encourage us to treat ourselves with care and respect. While the Sun is in Taurus, a window of opportunity opens for getting in touch with what is really important. What activities make you feel good about yourself? What actions or endeavors give you a personal sense of self-worth? This awareness can result in the possibility of going in a new direction that is healthier and happier for you in the long run. Nourishing and caring for the body are focal points while the Sun is in Taurus; once it moves into Gemini on the 21st, we'll have the chance to feed our minds for the four weeks to come, a period well suited for intellectual pursuits and stimulating conversations.

Every month on the day of the NEW MOON, the energy in the atmosphere opens to receive new seeds. For centuries, farmers have used New Moon cycles for planting their crops. We can use the same potent energy for stating our dreams and goals. To use a New Moon POWER DAY, simply write down a maximum of ten wishes or goals you would like to manifest in your life.

Because this month's New Moon occurs in TAURUS, you may want to include wishes on your list concerning the following categories that are associated with that sign: money, comfort, appreciation, sensual enjoyment, material possessions, loyalty, tenacity, stubbornness.

Sample wishes: "I want all non-constructive stubbornness totally lifted from

me"; "I want lots of money in a happy way!"; "I want all fears of poverty totally lifted from me"; "I want to successfully realize my goals by taking one step at a time, not rushing to the next step until the step in front of me has been completed"; "I want to easily find myself consciously, consistently appreciating the abundance of life and mother nature."

This month's New Moon occurs on the 17th at 11:13 P.M. E.S.T. The first 8 hours following the New Moon are the most powerful for wishing, but up to 48 hours after will still work. For the exact best times for writing your wishes during this month's New Moon, check out www.janspiller.com during the three days prior to each New Moon.



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Expect the unexpected when the Moon is in Aquarius. Hearing from a long-lost friend or receiving a last-minute invitation is a common occurrence under this Moon cycle.

Can't Relate To Your Sun-Sign?

Decans Are the Answer!



by P. TIM WHYEL

Our Sun-Sign provides the core energy and common attributes that we all find familiar in our horoscope; however, we are often perplexed in finding that we seem different from others who share our sign. In part, it's Elemental: Fire, Earth, Air, and Water. Each of the twelve signs falls into one of these four categories. In turn, each sign is divided into three parts, or Decanates, a triad that blends the energy and attributes of a particular sign with that of the other signs that share its element.



Each decanate occupies ten degrees or approximately ten days of a sign. Thus, individuals born under the same sign but under different decanates will be slightly different from one another.

Growing up with three Aries siblings could sometimes be exhausting to my sensitive Cancer emotions. Their high energy levels, full of intent, would even topple the nerves of our fiery Leo Mother.

Though they were born under the same sign, each was born in a different decanate. A sign's own ruling planet rules its first decanate. The second and third decanates fall under the reign of the signs (and their ruling planets) of the same element that succeed it in the natural order of the zodiac. In the case of Aries, Mars rules Aries and thus its first decanate; these natives possess most of the char-

acteristics prevalent in the sign. The sign Leo (which is the fire sign that immediately succeeds Aries in the natural zodiac) and its ruler, the Sun, rule the second decanate, adding ego and showmanship. The third decanate falls under the influence of Sagittarius/Jupiter, lending freedom and spiritual beliefs. All three are aggressive, but unique in the way they focus their energy.

From the big bang to the infinitesimal workings of our minds, energy has been taking form, expanding, and merging to bring forth new variations on the original idea.

Where do your energies focus?

ARIES

1st Decan/Mars, Mar. 21-30: You are a born leader and can find opportunities in the direst circumstances. At times, your energy level is extremely high, causing you to be nervous, temperamental, and accident-prone. Your self-assurance and ability to target a fast solution are often misinterpreted as arrogance or bossiness.

2nd Decan/Sun, Mar. 31-Apr. 9: You are proud, ambitious, and creative. Highly competitive, you are ego-driven, and your showmanship earns you recognition. You are motivated by high energy levels and directives that allow little time for self-sacrifice.

3rd Decan/Jupiter, Apr. 10-20: Your decanate is the most jovial and optimistic of your sign. You are not concerned as much as the other two decans about being on top, but you can become very aggressive if someone questions or something infringes on your freedom to express yourself. You attract many friends and see life on a more spiritual level.

TAURUS

1st Decan/Venus, Apr. 21-30: here You have artistic ability, but lack discipline. Being insecure, you have a hard time with change and become possessive of the things you value most. You have good judgment and will not risk your own security.

2nd Decan/Mercury, May 1-10: You are the most reserved of your sign.

Possessing an active mind, you are more of a thinker than a talker. Extremely organized, you also have a talent for details. You seek perfection in all you undertake.

3rd Decan/Saturn, May 11-21: You are more disciplined, but tense in nature. Imposed restrictions, possibly parental, have caused you anxiety concerning your own abilities; however, you are dedicated and put forth your best effort.

GEMINI

1st Decan/Mercury, May 22-31: You are intelligent and have great verbal skills. Your active mind will have you communicating in many areas at once. People find themselves charged by your energy. You are a perfectionist. You disregard things that seem insignificant, sometimes overlooking something new and interesting.

2nd Decan/Venus, Jun. 1-10: You are clever and have an appreciation for the arts. Lavish, you lend an air of class to any occasion. People find your enthusiastic outlook pleasurable and charming.

3rd Decan/Uranus, Jun. 11-21: You are the most nervous and anxious of your sign. Your thought processes are quick, and you become easily bored; however, you soon discern some new or unusual idea to occupy your mind.

CANCER

1st Decan/Moon, Jun. 22-Jul. 1: Yours is the most sensitive decan of the sign. Your reasoning can become clouded by emotion, leaving you to feel abandoned and without hope. You are outgoing and have a keen sense of intuition that some would consider psychic. You are domestic and creative.

2nd Decan/Pluto, Jul. 2-11: Yours is the quietest of your sign's decans. You guard your privacy and conceal your emotions. You are analytical and emotional at the same time, which sometimes causes you to become confused about what you are feeling. You are probably motivated by

some psychological dynamics related to your mother. You have a very intuitive, penetrating mind and are blessed with psychic abilities.

3rd Decan/Neptune, Jul. 12-22: You are sympathetic and very receptive. You have creative and artistic talents and take a keen interest in matters related to spiritualism, philosophy, and the occult. You are not as success-oriented as others of your sign; however, you are more tolerant. You tend to be nostalgic about your past, taking great delight in relating your experiences to others.

LEO

1st Decan/Sun, Jul. 23-Aug. 1: You have the showmanship to accomplish anything you set your mind to. You are absorbed with thoughts and ideas and will pursue them aggressively. Recognition is the main theme for your life, and you are compelled into areas that involve the self.

2nd Decan/Jupiter, Aug. 2-12: You have a high-spirited and jovial nature. Your personality is strong, and you abhor situations or people that would deprive you of your freedom of expression. You are compassionate, and people find you inspiring.

3rd Decan/Mars, Aug. 13-22: You seem to have energy reserves that are never-ending. "Busy, busy, busy" is your motto. Your mind runs in hyperdrive, and you are not happy if you have to be detained in any way or manner, for this will keep you from accomplishing what you wanted to have done yesterday.

VIRGO

1st Decan/Mercury, Aug. 23-Sept. 1: You are intelligent and logical, and people come to depend on you. You are more of a perfectionist than the others of your sign and tend to put higher expectations on the people with whom you are involved. You are very disciplined, but tend to become judgmental if something or someone does not live up to your standards.

2nd Decan/Saturn, Sept. 2-12: You

have a gracious and pleasant air about you that people find attractive. Your family life has probably imposed restrictions or unreasonable demands on you from an early age. Having a desire to climb the social ladder, you become involved with people that could raise your status.

3rd Decan/Venus, Sept. 13-23: As you are both emotional and analytical, you tend to become confused as to what it is you actually feel or want. You are driven towards the goals that you wish to accomplish. You are artistic and creative.

LIBRA

1st Decan/Venus, Sept. 24-Oct. 3: Yours is the most impressionable decanate of the sign. You are highly creative and romantic. Sympathetic and understanding, you must always see both sides of a situation. At times, you set high standards for yourself and others, making it harder for you to obtain your goals.

2nd Decan/Uranus, Oct. 4-13: You are much more serious and social-minded than the other two decans. You are a humanitarian, possessing a strong sense of obligation to others, all the while feeling insecure about yourself. You are more open to change and out-of-the-ordinary ideas.

3rd Decan/Mercury, Oct. 14-23: You have a logical mind and tend to analyze your experiences. Talkative, with a lively sense of humor, you have a sociable personality and are a loyal friend.

SCORPIO

1st Decan/Pluto, Oct. 24-Nov. 2: Magnetic and manipulative, you are ambitious, competitive, and highly organized. Your wits are shrewd, probing, and psychic, and your mind can become embattled in torrential thought.

2nd Decan/Neptune, Nov. 3-12: You are more emotionally vulnerable than the other two Scorpio decans and tend to cling to the past. You are highly passionate, very sensual, and have a healing touch.

3rd Decan/Moon, Nov. 13-22: Your

mother has probably been very influential in your life. You are a nurturer, and you expect the same from your close relationships. Being supersensitive, your feelings are easily hurt. You are mysterious and alluring.

SAGITTARIUS

1st Decan/Jupiter, Nov. 23-Dec. 2: You love liberty and freedom and strive for independence. Hopeful and generous, your interests lie in higher learning. At times, you are impulsive and outspoken.

2nd Decan/Mars, Dec. 3-12: You are action-oriented and quick to consummate any dealings. You possess a restless, nervous energy, making you more prone to accidents. You are bright and very independent.

3rd Decan/Sun, Dec. 13-21: You are good-humored and honorable. Ambitious, you are likely to seek opportunities that will put you in the limelight. Your speech is direct and to the point.

CAPRICORN

1st Decan/Saturn, Dec. 22-31: Yours is the more serious and reserved decan of your sign; you keep your emotions under tight rein. You are industrious, cautious, and calculating when carrying out your objectives. Your self-control gives you tremendous organizing abilities, but others may mistake you as being cool or arrogant.

2nd Decan/Venus, Jan. 1-10: You are thoughtful and persevering. Emotionally, you extend yourself to others and become discouraged when others do not live up to your expectations. You are dignified and admired.

3rd Decan/Mercury, Jan. 11-20: You are ambitious and have an active mind. More social than the other two Capricorn decans, you enjoy social interaction and like rubbing elbows with the elite. You are logical, and your responses are usually quick and sharp, leaving people to wonder if you are being critical.

AQUARIUS

1st Decan/Uranus, Jan. 21-30: You

are very versatile and high-strung in nature. You are sometimes rebellious and always very independent. Your thought processes are unique, and people come to respect your ideas. You are friendly, curious, and honest and expect the same in others.

2nd Decan/Mercury, Jan. 31-Feb. 9: Your mind is organized and calculating. You enjoy communicating your thoughts, but find yourself frustrated when people can't understand or comprehend your futuristic outlook. You are kind and have a self-confidence that will get you far in life.

3rd Decan/Venus, Feb. 10-19: You are more emotional and romantic than others of your sign. You have a restless nature that others find hard to understand. You seek excitement and change your mind often. People are attracted and intrigued by your free nature.

PISCES

1st Decan/Neptune, Feb. 20-29: You have a harder time understanding your emotions than do members of the other two decans. You are artistic, a dreamer, and possess psychic sensitivities; however, you sometimes become confused and withdrawn, being fearful about carrying out your own desires.

2nd Decan/Moon, Mar. 1-10: You are more aware of your emotions than others of your sign and struggle to keep them under control. Highly vulnerable, your feelings are easily hurt. Full of practical ideas, however, you are very likely to make your dreams a reality. Still, your mood swings can cause you to lose the confidence to pursue them.

3rd Decan/Pluto, Mar. 11-20: You are more intense than the previous two decans and have probably experienced many upheavals in your life. Your emotions suffer from subconscious memories, and you have a hard time freeing yourself from them. Your emotional experiences have made you the strongest of the three Pisces decans.



EMPHASIS IS IN YOUR 2ND HOUSE. IT RULES

- pecuniary dealings with others
- material and monetary assets
- ability to add to your income
- economic advancement

YOU ACHIEVE THE GREATEST SUCCESS BY

- facing current difficulties courageously
- making necessary purchases and deals
- approaching romance optimistically
- trying to keep relationships calm

YOU SHOULD AVOID

- becoming depressed over temporary deterrents
- engaging in too much social activity
- allowing partners to spend too much
- making rash money moves

YOUR MAY HOROSCOPE AND DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

Sure, Venus, Mercury, and the Sun in Gemini stimulate! But the real “shake and bake” doesn’t start until your ruler, Mars, enters Gemini (11th). You’ll be on the go mentally and physically, nervous, restless, energized for action and connection, although you may scatter your energies. Of course, you’re covering a lot of territory—mounds of personal paperwork, e-mail, financial or tax papers, Skype or phone chats, social media, research updates, study, magazine and newspaper immersion, local events—running around the neighborhood as a chatty, inquiring, curious, informed local ambassador and strategic thinker. Whew! Schedule enough constructive activities to burn off so much hyperactive energy. The intensity of the aspects vibrate at pitch peak on the 1st, 3rd, 9th, 12th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, with the 15th’s Mars-Saturn opposition the biggest obstacle (or maturity) producer. You’ll have to stand up to requirements, responsibilities, or unwanted restrictions. It could bring a clash with an authority figure, with connections to the 3rd or 22nd. You’ll have the highest energetic expression on the 27th when Mercury and Mars conjoin. Find healthful, productive outlets for your physical and mental energy to avoid tiffs. How about sports? Exercise? Power walking? Writing or teaching? When Mercury retrogrades (18th), these activities become unstable and unreliable. Misunderstandings increase. You may not be sure of your own mind and become

introspective in search of meaning and certainty, or in order to review a previous decision.

Emotional content comes from the 3rd’s Scorpio Full Moon. You may settle a debt, credit, or tax matter. Avoid a big financial commitment, especially after Mercury’s turn. Miscalculations are likely. It’s hard to determine the value or worth of something, which includes time and energy as well as money. Double-check financial paperwork. Cover your economic bases. Close a lingering issue. This also applies to romantic or emotional intimacy: Enjoy, but don’t go overboard, and cover your bases. Still on the financial theme, the 17th’s Taurus New Moon connects you to the material, physical world. Family budgets or earnings require a sharper focus. If something’s found wanting, be creative to fill the gap. Finding an economic resolution could be your best moment this month.

Venus in Cancer as of the 7th shows where your money might go: sprucing up your home. Venus prompts home entertainment, comfort dining—via family time spent in the kitchen or feeding more mouths—or redecorating your home for more comfort and security. For inspiration, adoration, and imagination, look to the 16th’s Venus-Neptune trine, but prepare for a home or business struggle around the 21st or 25th when Venus opposes Pluto and then squares Uranus. There may be resistance and disagreements about what’s going on at home.

-- Ronnie Grishman

1ST FRI. You'll have to pay attention to others' needs with the Moon in relationship-oriented Libra, but you may encounter gruff reactions across this divide. Compromise or skip the scene altogether.

2ND SAT. You might enjoy a morning encounter that sets a good tone for the whole day. Charm or a best-foot-forward approach also works when contacting others. Make calls. Get out in your neighborhood.

3RD SUN. THE FULL MOON brings rigid necessity to an emotional financial decision. If fixed beliefs prevail, so do defenses, clamming up, lack of answers, and even stuttering. Foreign relations stall.

4TH MON. Even if compelled by recent restraints, don't go overboard with cash or credit. Being stubborn with money also creates resistance. Balance the needs for conservative tradition and progressive change.

5TH TU. There might be a matter from overseas or someone you know who is far away that requires discussion and perhaps the acceptance of some responsibility. Look for points of agreement.

6TH WED. You awaken to the day feeling empowered to use the resources you have, whether money, skills, time, or energy, to attain some ambition, which could, by this evening, feel surprisingly satisfying.

7TH TH. There's stimulation from people and events upon which to enter the day, but as evening approaches and the Moon enters Cap as Venus enters Cancer, the emotional framework turns to work and home.

8TH FRI. There's energy to make a push toward something you want to achieve, but you've got to consolidate its use and not get caught up in power struggles. That way, the evening brings success.

9TH SAT. It's hard to tell fact from fiction today, making recreations and local entertainment good ideas. If it's a material goal you'd rather reach, put your pedal to the metal this afternoon.

10TH SUN. Approval or support may be lacking from a family member or you may feel insecure or lacking in some way. Turning to a friend could assuage some of the day's more difficult feelings.

11TH MON. Mars, the planet of action, enters Gemini today, energizing communication. You'll act quickly on bright ideas and be involved with local events and neighborhood interactions. Take daily walks.

12TH TU. You may feel fatigued come midday or feel the need to retreat for some time out from a hectic pace. It might feel dreamy at first, but watch for cross-currents after that that pitch confusion.

13TH WED. If you got to spend some time by yourself yesterday or are doing so this morning, you'll come out of the period feeling better, more focused, and more at peace. Work through an obstacle.

14TH TH. The Moon in your sign is excitable with so many planets aspecting it. You start out strong and then find stability, but you have to work through awkward relations. Answers and accord arrive tonight.

15TH FRI. Impulse rules morning action; but to preserve your energy reserves rather than waste them in erratic activity, and to keep relations and developments on an even keel, self-control is necessary.

16TH SAT. Like the Beatles said, "Love is all you need." Values and feelings meld beautifully, bringing serenity and security. Whether shopping or dining, early evening is warm and satisfying. You'll find what you need.

17TH SUN. THE NEW MOON puts an emphasis on money, self-worth, possessions, and values. Pay attention to fiscal and banking matters in the weeks ahead. Be grounded and practical, not stubborn.

18TH MON. An active local agenda or lively conversation starts your day, but with Mercury retrograding, communication becomes confounding, misunderstandings arise, and your expression internalizes.

19TH TU. The wee hours might find you up and active instead of sleeping soundly. You may have a lot on your mind and need to journal or talk. By morning, you have faith and confidence again.

20TH WED. What is said in the early morning won't hold much weight going forward, so don't worry if things don't go how you want them to. Later, you'll work through the day toward evening security.

21ST TH. There might be big power issues at play as the Sun brightens communication affairs. It's easy to get caught up in dark desires or a controlling relationship, caught between work and home.

22ND FRI. You'll have confidence and enthusiasm to shine through dinnertime with family or friends, but bigger issues involving a decision, travel, foreign affairs, the law, or school can bring opposition.

23RD SAT. You feel energetic, so find a healthy, enjoyable, constructive outlet for your enthusiasm. The early morning might be your most favorable period.

24TH SUN. Either stay up if you're a night owl or get up early if you're a morning person because the best jump of the day will be early-morning spontaneity.

25TH MON. Unstable trends in professional and home relationships put you in the middle of misguided trouble. Don't get lost on a wild goose chase.

26TH TU. Maybe it's time to start thinking things out instead of always acting first. For pure enjoyment, soak up family warmth and security this evening.

27TH WED. You've got energy to burn and need a variety of stimulating activities to satisfy your drive. Take action quickly on an idea. Avoid impulsive tiffs.

28TH TH. Use this afternoon's easygoing connectivity to enjoy the company of others. Action and conversation put you all in happy, congenial sync.

29TH FRI. A web of confusion hangs over communication and information, so it's hard to gather facts or make a smart decision. Relax with a diversion.

30TH SAT. While emotional levels intensify, the urge to talk, express, create, and connect is hyper-activated, although with some complications.

31ST SUN. Recent confusion compounds today, another indication that it might be time to pull back from outer activity to explore more internal realms.

Use each part of every day best by following the aspects in the Self-Guidance Chart.



EMPHASIS IS IN YOUR 1ST HOUSE. IT RULES

- use of personal appeal to influence others
- impressions you create on others
- the general state of affairs
- newly-initiated projects

YOU ACHIEVE THE GREATEST SUCCESS BY

- taking a renewed interest in home affairs
- following through on plans or projects
- improving your budget
- showing initiative

YOU SHOULD AVOID

- displaying little control of temper
- disrupting revisions in the office
- inviting showdowns with others
- letting selfish motivations rule

YOUR MAY HOROSCOPE AND DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

You get a celestial “restart” button this month. The cosmos is infusing your spirit with new hopes, new drives, new intentions, and new incentive. This is because the Sun, our solar system’s life essence, is in Taurus until the 21st, imbuing you with determination to get what you want, especially potent at the month’s two lunations, and telling you to address life from a new perspective and attitude. The 3rd’s Scorpio Full Moon and 17th’s New Moon in your sign show how personal life is for you these days. You’ll have to weigh how to fulfill your needs versus demanding or stubborn others, and then decide how to make a new start that puts the priority on what you need. But this New Moon is the cosmic boost you need to break through obstacles and hindrances and set your track for the coming year. Let your image, first impression, and personal attitude reshape the way you come across to others. It will require bravery and fortitude, both of which you have now. But don’t confuse this courage with stubbornness or foolhardiness.

Financial issues also require a lot of attention. You’ll have Mercury, the thinker, there, and Venus and the Sun at various times, but it’s when Mars, the mover and shaker, enters Gemini on the 11th that it’s time to push ahead with any project related to raising income or consolidating assets. It’s not, however, all smooth sailing. When Saturn in Sag in your house of shared assets opposes Mercury, Mars, and the Sun (3rd, 15th, 22nd), don’t push too hard. A

financial partner, even a banker or attorney, could stand in the way, either as an attitudinal block, restrictive (yet maturing) life event, or an attempt to be the voice of reason and hard-line reality. If you understand this passage and are ready to follow these requirements, you can build for the future. But with Neptune squaring these planets (9th, 25th, 31st), you need to be on the lookout for deception, confusion, or idealistic yet delusional ambitions. Don’t make cash commitments, especially once Mercury retrogrades on the 18th and even if you’re super-charged under the 27th’s Mercury-Mars conjunction. Double-check financial documents and information.

Once your ruling planet, Venus, leaves Gemini to enter Cancer (7th), it sweetens your everyday social interactions, especially with nearby kin. While you continue to reach out to others, Venus also draws you to pleasurable places and enjoyable people. In a close relationship, watch for upsetting power-and-control triggers on the 21st and 25th, when Venus is opposed by Pluto and squared by Uranus. You or someone else may be trying to impose his or her will through manipulation or intimidation. Try not to engage these struggles. Don’t act on envy, jealousy, resentment, or suspicion. Control your own reactions and others’ provocations lose their power. If you need refreshment, look to a friend or social connection for a little unconventional, probably temporary, pleasure.

1ST FRI. An easy start to the day coincides with a nice boost in confidence. Helpful people add to the happy mix. You might be able to mix business with pleasure. Later, there are complications to contend with.

2ND SAT. Unless you've planned to take it easy and float aimlessly through the day, you'll have to make an effort to be mindful of what you're doing. Efforts can be wasteful or misguided, and charity misplaced.

3RD SUN. THE FULL MOON turns its intense focus on partnerships and contractual interests and has you and others wanting more and willing to make changes. There's motivation to make things better.

4TH MON. Enthusiasm may find an easy outlet in domestic spending or some other home- or family-centered extravagance. Others may not see eye-to-eye with you and won't be shy about telling you.

5TH TU. A shift in perception can change your outlook beneficially. Information that's readily available may not add up. Regardless, it wouldn't hurt to do some investigating before making a move, such as a purchase.

6TH WED. An early sudden turn of events could leave you wondering where you stand in your responsibilities to other people. Perhaps another's big words or gestures leave you unsure how to respond or reciprocate.

7TH TH. Venus begins a one-month transit through Cancer, making day-to-day interactions helpful, peaceful, and loving, and bringing friendly faces to the neighborhood. Interactions with relatives should be nice, too.

8TH FRI. Be ready to adjust as the day progresses, as various complications are likely to arise, possibly concerning travel or involving communication; they'll only undermine you if you can't go with the flow.

9TH SAT. It might be tempting to think that imaginary concepts can be fully actualized at present. For now, though, it's okay just to let your mind and imagination wander. Friends and money are a nebulous mix.

10TH SUN. Though it's the weekend, you can still stumble upon opportunities to expand your business or community horizons. Meanwhile, the desire to make an impression and indulge family and friends is strong.

11TH MON. Mars initiates a new, six-week-long financial cycle that can see you earning but also spending more. Though you'll have to make snap decisions about expenditures, make sure they're not impulsive.

12TH TU. If you want anything today, you'll want it now! Try not to get into any fights when you're at the store. And don't let a salesperson bully you. Make sure people with whom you have dealings are on the up-and-up.

13TH WED. If you get into a tight squeeze of some sort today, turn to a friend to help you out. As the day progresses, watch out for an increasing tendency to go overboard or to give in to excess.

14TH TH. Some pressing problems require your attention. If faced with limitations or other frustrations, look on the bright side: They are revealing flaws in your plans, which you can now strive to correct.

15TH FRI. You could find that your assertiveness gets you into a fix. It will be too easy to mistake being courageous with being headstrong or impulsive, and you could end up shooting yourself in the foot.

16TH SAT. Today should be a marked improvement over yesterday. You'll at least feel at peace with yourself and your world. An outing with friends can have you feeling like you're on Cloud Nine.

17TH SUN. THE NEW MOON in your sign could mark a bright new beginning in your personal affairs. Take a chance on yourself. Polish up your presentation and image; how you come across is everything.

18TH MON. With Mercury going retrograde for the next three weeks, put up a reminder to tread carefully when it comes to financial initiatives. Instead of acting, it's better to pause and rethink your plans.

19TH TU. A current brainstorm can be incredible; put on your thinking cap and be open to taking a new slant on things. Try something new to get good results. A chat can start your mental wheels spinning.

20TH WED. Moods can vacillate. Early optimism and high expectations can be confronted with a dose of reality around midday that brings everyone down to earth with a thud. Don't let a setback depress you.

21ST TH. If emotional reactions involving family, neighbors, or your neighborhood are strong, try to put them in perspective. You're vulnerable to others pushing your buttons.

22ND FRI. You could get caught in a dilemma early today. There's a lesson to be learned about a financial obligation or responsibility. Home is an oasis tonight.

23RD SAT. If weekend plans stall this morning, it's because no one wants to commit. Once any dramas play themselves out, you can get things going.

24TH SUN. No one could blame you for just lying about the house or otherwise taking it easy. In fact, that's the best way to spend the day.

25TH MON. It's tempting to break with tradition or a taboo. Interactions with people can be unpredictable, but that can be fun if viewed in the right light.

26TH TU. Time devoted to making improvements and putting on finishing touches is well spent. Review what you value and your accounts.

27TH WED. A problem that arises involving a child, relative, or neighbor is aggravated by an unwillingness to take a stand. Compromise can be taken too far.

28TH TH. Keep lines of communication open and you should be okay, particularly if you focus on tasks at hand and tune out distractions.

29TH FRI. Unexpected events or abrupt changes of mood can throw the morning into chaos, leaving you to iron out problems the rest of the day.

30TH SAT. Spending is emphasized in a way that calls for skepticism or a bit of backtracking. Input you receive from others doesn't promote agreement.

31ST SUN. Don't go overboard where home, family, or a partner is concerned. The ruffled feathers of some will require a soothing balancing act.

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EMPHASIS IS IN YOUR 12TH HOUSE. IT RULES

- contacts with hospitals and invalids
- personal problems and limitations
- investigations and self-analysis
- employment affairs

YOU ACHIEVE THE GREATEST SUCCESS BY

- patching up old misunderstandings
- attending to charitable affairs
- clearing away life's debris
- finding necessary work

YOU SHOULD AVOID

- emphasizing the bad side of things
- not getting enough sleep and rest
- inviting romantic entanglements
- being unsympathetic

YOUR MAY HOROSCOPE AND DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

You're versatile, juggling life as if it were performance art. With Neptune square your ruler, Mercury, on the 9th, and then Mars and the Sun in your sign (25th, 31st), it may be hard to tell the performance from what's genuine, for you and those listening. You'll like the ability to switch roles from accurate fact reporter to embellishing story teller. Yet Neptune in Pisces, sending out these imaginative vibes, can lead you astray in your public or professional role. It will also draw more compassion to the surface while lessening your usual first resort to logic, giving you reason and intuition—good resources to use in a quest to put more soul or beauty into your work in the world.

Still, there's enough Gemini energy—Mercury, Mars, Venus, and the Sun—to put the focus firmly on you, and you in constant motion. You'll be hard to ignore, expressing yourself and your views everywhere, and you'll be going to a lot of places, speaking your mind impulsively. Still, with your ego in this midst, handle these forces constructively, especially on the 1st, 3rd, 9th, 12th, 15th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 30th, and 31st. Saturn's oppositions to Mercury, Mars, and the Sun (3rd, 15th, 22nd) can bring relationship developments—and a frustrating standoff if there's trouble in a union. But don't avoid commitments or put your willpower up against the potential of chaotic misunderstanding or powerful people.

Of course, it's Mars into Gemini (11th) that

will add hefty influence, physical energy, and the powers of persuasion to get your point across, although too much aggression brings mixed results. Use the 27th's Mercury-Mars conjunction constructively to further a personal project. If you're a wordsmith—salesperson, teacher, writer, editor, in public relations or promotion—there'll be an increase in activity and more opportunities to display your stuff or show off what you've got. If all of your sentences begin with, "I..." it's time to journal your ideas, activities, and feelings. Maybe you can turn it into a novel or screenplay someday. Once Mercury retrogrades (18th), it amplifies these activities with confusion. You become more introspective. But it shows you how to deal with nebulous Neptune at the top of your chart: artfully and indirectly. Luckily, the Sun in your sign brings greater confidence in reaching your goals, burning away some of Neptune's confusion, and a lively social agenda fueled by exciting Uranus in your friendship circle. Stimulating people come on the scene under the 25th's Venus-Uranus square, but it prompts instability, in finances, too, precipitated by the 21st's Venus-Pluto opposition. Money and friends are a poor mix. Don't fall into a pressure trap then spend recklessly to please someone. Remember that so much solar-centered activity in your sign is usually a call to action, but with Saturn and Neptune pulling you into the mutable square, it may be best to wait, observe, learn, and plot a strategy.

1ST FRI. Don't let your suspicions rule your behavior or keep you in some kind of obsessive mind loop about a person or situation. Certainly, if you look for opposition today, you'll find it.

2ND SAT. Schedule a meeting or a breakfast, or make sure to be there for family time this morning. People are charming, attentive, and ready to please. A friend, lover, or child is a morning delight!

3RD SUN. THE FULL MOON brings up the importance of health on psychological as well as physical levels. Also, support and approval for what you want or say may be lacking, or a serious decision weighs.

4TH MON. If you act from impulsive urges, you're likely to go overboard or become excessive. Find a way to balance emotional forces as well as how to flow from your past into a transformed future.

5TH TU. With the Moon in your lively opposite sign, your attention will be drawn to the important people in your life. Whether that's satisfying or challenging might be different in each of the relationships.

6TH WED. There's a tendency toward excess today to counter recent restrictions. Catch an early-morning and afternoon wave of happy, spontaneous activity with joyful people.

7TH TH. The early part of the day offers many stimulations, and you'll be interested in all of them, especially interesting companions. With Venus entering Cancer, money will need attention.

8TH FRI. You might have to untangle complications from a shared asset or credit or tax matter. But you can dig deep and come up with what's fair. After that, however, unstable trends may bring a reversal.

9TH SAT. You're confused or cause confusion in a conversation. Perspectives are blurred, skewing judgments. Put off a decision until you can see and think clearly. Still, benefits multiply with action.

10TH SUN. Someone from far away may cheer you up before noon, a good time to make phone calls, get in touch in other ways, or express your creative self. Some make a "yoo-hoo" bid for attention.

11TH MON. Mars enters Gemini as the Moon is in Pisces, ratcheting up action and irritability by tonight. Line up plenty of stimulating mental and physical challenges in the weeks ahead to burn off this energy.

12TH TU. The early morning offers a sentimental exchange, but then aggressive tendencies take over and you're fighting to contain resentment or anger. Afternoon confusion leads to a disagreeable talk.

13TH WED. If you feel something will help you out professionally or with a parent, follow your instincts this morning. If others are unsupportive later, it might be time to retreat from the fray anyway.

14TH TH. The Aries Moon is a lovely social influence, maybe even in the wee hours. By noon, insecurities or defenses take over. Fortunately, you've got what it takes to turn things around by evening.

15TH FRI. There's likely to be a frustrating, unpleasant exchange between you and a partner, parent, boss, or authority figure. Don't bat at rigid obstacles. Maybe a friend has an unusual solution.

16TH SAT. There may be a dreamy, idealistic feel between what you do in the world and how you're compensated for it, or a dream comes true in regard to it. Relations are serenely fulfilling.

17TH SUN. THE NEW MOON pulls you into psychological depths, away from more active pursuits. You don't like sitting still for long, but understanding hidden motivations can release toxic patterns.

18TH MON. Opposition from the 15th may resurface this morning, prompting urgent activity by you going into noon. But with Mercury retrograding, prepare for dizzy misdirection, confusion, or misunderstandings.

19TH TU. If you're restless during the wee hours, you'll likely find a busy to-do list or chatty friend to occupy you. If you start the day feeling stimulated, expect the sparkle to last until early afternoon.

20TH WED. Early-morning conversations won't hold much long-term weight, so don't let anything that is said bother you. Later, the emotional level becomes important; it motivates how you spend.

21ST TH. Don't let a friend push you around when it comes to funds. There's a potential power struggle re: both personal and shared resources, but you're better off not moved to spend because of feelings.

22ND FRI. There's personal stimulation leading you to a pleasing dinner, but a bigger opposition in some relationship or an authority weighs heavily on you.

23RD SAT. Hurt feelings or a sense of fiscal lack or sacrifice makes you feel bad. Still, as the day progresses, all turns to joy and accord.

24TH SUN. Unless up during the wee hours—when an interesting connection, maybe online, grabs your attention—the day calls for simple, creative time or play.

25TH MON. If there have been money dealings with a friend or group, it's very easy to be misled, so avoid commitments, provocation, and chasing windmills.

26TH TU. If you can skirt some early critical issues with a loved one, you get to experience a satisfying evening at home enjoying simple domestic pleasures.

27TH WED. You come into the day fully charged and in need of lots of stimulating outlets. Take a good idea and run with it, but don't drive if you're angry.

28TH TH. Even if you start the day in a contrary mood, you'll brighten up and lighten up by afternoon, when news is good and results from actions are positive.

29TH FRI. Trying to firm up details or even understand the larger picture has you under a fog. Watch for confusing misrepresentation. Facts are elusive.

30TH SAT. You may have to work to score points, but you've got the right stuff, so expressing yourself and pursuing a goal, albeit assertively, makes your point.

31ST SUN. Yesterday's intention or announcement may fall under recent confusion and leave you again uncertain about what to do. Wait if you can.

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EMPHASIS IS IN YOUR 11TH HOUSE. IT RULES

- ties with organizations or groups
- social contracts and opportunities
- financial returns from occupation
- fondest hopes and wishes

YOU ACHIEVE THE GREATEST SUCCESS BY

- adding acquaintances to your circle
- boosting community projects
- increasing business income
- sticking to ideals

YOU SHOULD AVOID

- getting involved in half-baked schemes
- mingling with the wrong companions
- ignoring worthwhile friends
- wasting business funds

YOUR MAY HOROSCOPE AND DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

You're an emotional sign and will enjoy the warm vibes from the 3rd's Scorpio Full Moon in your house of pleasure, hobbies, children, recreation, and creative forms of self-expression. With Jupiter involved, it's easy to run the risk of getting carried away with yourself, but sometimes that's part of the fun, isn't it? If things heat up in a relationship, you'll feel the power of change it can bring under the 6th's Sun-Pluto trine. You've also got a warm social life embracing you, providing the security you seek from friends and family, with the Sun in your eleventh house until the 21st. After that, the Sun enters a generally quieter zone, but this is offset by several other more vocal twelfth-house occupants and the state of Venus, who moves into Cancer on the 7th. This supports the Full Moon and inclines you toward leisure and pleasurable pursuits, hanging out with comfortable companions, or paying attention to, even changing, your physical image or way of presenting yourself to others. This could be a good time for a few spa days—even at home with a private, scented, candlelit bubble bath and soothing music—or shopping with pals for new clothes or a new hair-style. You've been working hard and deserve some self-pampering. A makeover?

You may be very unmotivated around the 9th or 10th, though, daydreaming about some grand "other world" if your heart is not in work under the constraints of a Venus-Saturn in-conjunct. When Saturn opposes the Sun on the

22nd, there's also a theme of responsibility and overwork. A spiritual retreat or silent inner quest might be just what the doctor ordered.

On the 11th, when Mars joins Mercury in Gemini, it might stunt your willpower, frustrating your ego. All these planets here could create inner restlessness, nervousness, worry, doubt, and sometimes explosiveness. Make sure you've got a good outlet at the 27th's Mercury-Mars conjunction, especially if you feel like lashing out. Instead, write, retreat, think, read, record your view of nature or art, learn something in private, or seek therapy. You need to find something to get caught up in apart from worldly pursuits. This inward period, while relaxed in some ways, runs another undercurrent. You may reflect on the recent past, on how the last year has gone, or on unresolved issues, bringing people from the past back into your life, at least in your mind, perhaps obsessively. The 17th's Taurus New Moon also points to an urge to connect or network, to lead you to a useful person, cause, group, association, or company. Opportunity could arise suddenly through a social exchange, possibly on the 25th. Although a certain social excitability from the 24th to the 27th may urge you to express yourself in an unconventional way, through impulsive social action. If flustered, try to get away—physically, psychologically—from your everyday environment to take a break from worldly pursuits and instead feed your soul.

1ST FRI. It shouldn't be hard to find something to be content about this morning; plans relating to home, family, or social life should make you happy. Hang on to those good feelings later when pressures mount.

2ND SAT. If you find it difficult to get anything going, instead of waiting for an inspiration or for someone else to take the lead, just make a decision—or give yourself permission to take things as they come.

3RD SUN. THE FULL MOON supports you in effecting subtle but significant changes where your personal life, affectional ties, creative interests, and social activities are concerned, but also warns against excess.

4TH MON. It's best to maintain a safe distance where friends and intimates are concerned; otherwise, you risk getting embroiled in a volatile situation. A startling event could change the picture.

5TH TU. You could find that you'll be more effective by teaming up with others. There is strength in numbers, even if your team is just composed of you and one trustworthy "other."

6TH WED. Though you may get a greater sense of freedom from pursuing your heart's desires, that may not be possible where intimates are concerned. Paradoxically, you feel you can be more yourself at work.

7TH TH. Venus begins a one-month transit through your sign, and that has the potential to attract admirers, or at least to incline others to be more kindly disposed toward you. People will like you and find it harder to say no.

8TH FRI. While it looks like your partner and others will have the initiative today, they may find it slow-going when it gets down to the nitty-gritty, and because of that relationships could be under strain.

9TH SAT. Avoid the possibility of getting lost, literally or figuratively, by giving your undivided attention to whatever needs it. Fantasies intrude on thinking, making it a poor time for decisions.

10TH SUN. Don't let someone's insensitivity or indifference get you down. Withdrawing into the safety of your shell is the worst way to deal with feelings of isolation or being cut off.

11TH MON. Mars, beginning a six-week journey through Gemini, will be urging you to slow down. Rest, read, or meditate. Make plans, but don't act on them just yet. Make safety a priority today.

12TH TU. An awkward defensiveness can make a mess of things, especially your relationships, if you allow it to push you to say the wrong thing. Before speaking, consider that you might have the facts wrong.

13TH WED. Support is available, either moral or financial, and that can go far in elevating your mood, or at least in helping you to face chores that await you. Later, though, resist tendencies to squander.

14TH TH. You could feel like you're caught between a rock and a hard place, or maybe you'll just have trouble mustering motivation for jobs you need to get done and that seem onerous. Stay on the sidelines where possible.

15TH FRI. Even if you're not ready to occupy center stage again, you may still find yourself drifting into circumstances that make it hard to slip by unnoticed. Be mindful of how you come across.

16TH SAT. Feeling emotionally supported invites you to open your heart. Do something that appeals to your imagination or stirs it. A movie, museum, outing, or book can provide a welcome escape.

17TH SUN. THE NEW MOON puts a positive accent on friendship and group involvements. Enjoy an increase in social activity. Get out there and network. Join a Meetup group or start one.

18TH MON. With Mercury turning retrograde, you may be preoccupied with private concerns, and may lose sleep over them. If feeling hemmed in or worried, don't keep it to yourself.

19TH TU. Behind-the-scenes developments can be to your advantage in surprising ways. Tune out distracting chatter if you need to be inventive and productive; you could happen upon a welcome breakthrough.

20TH WED. Be careful not to underestimate the difficulties of a task. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by responsibilities, so don't assume any burdens that you can possibly avoid.

21ST TH. When a partner, mate, or other person starts demanding your attention, make up your mind to set some limits; otherwise, you'll end up making too big a sacrifice and then resent he or she for it.

22ND FRI. It's to your advantage if you can manage to get off to a late start; the second half of the day will clearly be better than the first.

23RD SAT. If you need to go shopping, you'll be better off going on your own instead of dragging along someone who will only slow you down.

24TH SUN. Whatever you planned, you'll get more satisfaction by taking things as they come or being spontaneous. Delay purchases; instead, window-shop.

25TH MON. Today can feel like an excursion into foreign territory, as routine turns unpredictable and destabilizes. Like it or not, you may have to accept change.

26TH TU. News you hear focuses your attention on a need to conduct a review of some kind in order to sort things out. Regardless, it's helpful to retrace steps.

27TH WED. Concessions may be necessary if you want to reach an agreement. A good strategy is to forgive past mistakes. Let bygones be bygones.

28TH TH. An approaching Mercury-Neptune contact stirs up intuition/imagination, but beliefs could undergo a confusing shift; it's time to trust but verify.

29TH FRI. Home- and family-based activities aren't well supported. Too much compromise may be required, causing you to have misgivings about results.

30TH SAT. What's imaginative has appeal, making this a day to enjoy a restful escape. Let a "grass is greener" mindset inspire you, not cause discontent.

31ST SUN. Keeping an eye on grandiose impulses can cut down on extravagant tendencies. Some have a tendency to complicate the simplest things.

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EMPHASIS IS IN YOUR 10TH HOUSE. IT RULES

- job interests and responsibilities
- officials, a parent, government
- contacts and superiors
- honors and popularity

YOU ACHIEVE THE GREATEST SUCCESS BY

- developing new business tactics
- mingling with important people
- being aware of parents' needs
- accenting affairs of superiors

YOU SHOULD AVOID

- making decisions without consultations
- overreaching credit and prestige
- trying to do more than you can
- ignoring orders or authority

YOUR MAY HOROSCOPE AND DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

You may be feeling more optimistic than last month with the Sun, your ruler, in Taurus at the pinnacle of your chart until the 21st. The 17th's New Moon in Taurus links social activity with professional advancement. In the weeks ahead, a contact you've cultivated could deliver in support, commendation, or some other boost to your status. You'll have a career focus, new responsibility, or re-emerging ambition, and you'll want to shine at what you do, especially if important others are watching. The 3rd's Scorpio Full Moon nudges you from the other end of the zodiac—home—to deal with a family or property matter. Maybe a loved one who's feeling neglected wants more of your time or attention. With the lunation's square to Jupiter in your sign, however, it ties your ego into these activities, and you may feel that you'd rather be out exploring what the wider world has to offer than home and domestically seclude. This is the time to examine your values and put them behind thoughtful actions; your best chance this month to right your life is to tackle and resolve a home or family matter with much-needed TLC. This time period, however, from the 3rd to the 5th, might be hectic, making it easy to overdo or overestimate your (or someone else's) capacity to get something done. The Sun-Jupiter square that impels this immoderation could also be a trip, plan of study, or intellectual, philosophical, or spiritual effort to expand your vision. There might, how-

ever, be restrictions or obstacles to these efforts at expansion. The 5th and 6th offer a better time for undertaking changes in business, analysis, or other work investigation that's helping you solve a personal problem under the regenerative Sun-Pluto trine (6th).

When Mars enters Gemini (11th), joining Mercury and awaiting the Sun, it marks a social whirl with invitations and lots of group activities, a social and collective business. An altruistic or humanitarian interest may be at the center of this activity, also a hearty time for networking for professional reasons. But Mercury retrogrades on the 18th, bringing a slowdown, confusion, or backtracking to activities with others. Commitments lapse. Misunderstandings increase. The Sun enters Gemini on the 21st, accentuating the networking theme or one connected to the pursuit of higher aspirations that helps others or expresses your ideals to the world. But Saturn further constricts your ruler around the 22nd and 23rd. You might feel guilty or that there's too much on your plate, be made aware of neglect on an important task, or have to weigh the differences between social freedoms and friends and the responsibilities of family and children. Toward month's end, fiscal, confidential, or intimate discussions may sacrifice objectivity and reason for theatrics and obscured facts as imaginative Neptune squares Mercury. Put off a big decision until next month if you can.

1ST FRI. If you find it hard to find an agreeable mood, or person, it's time to look for the silver lining, even if opposition is tough or actions unstable. De-stressing might work best if you're alone.

2ND SAT. Make sure to make a connection early this morning, your best time of the day for things to go really well. Go out in your neighborhood, shop locally, or share a charming breakfast encounter.

3RD SUN. THE FULL MOON can put you in the emotional middle of a work-home situation. Difficult negotiations make resolution hard, but you need to push ahead to transform these conditions.

4TH MON. As if to counter yesterday's requirements or restrictions, you may be moved to excess or erratic actions today. Don't let anyone else who's wasteful squander an opportunity or charge big.

5TH TU. You're going to be looking for something fun to do today under the usually gregarious Sagittarius Moon, but early responsibilities and later differences can seem more exhausting than pleasurable.

6TH WED. Efforts on the job finally pay dividends, helping you break through in power, rewards, or recognition. There's enough enthusiasm left over to also have grand, great fun today!

7TH TH. Noontime stimulations might have you thinking that the day will be all about interaction, but with Venus entering Cancer, you begin to feel a need to pull back from social action for more quiet time.

8TH FRI. If there's a work or health matter that needs attention, you can marshal forces in the late afternoon and see a surprising breakthrough by evening, but expect a sudden, disruptive change after that.

9TH SAT. Communication is likely to be clouded today, so it's not a good time to make practical decisions or listen to anyone's well-meaning but possibly flawed information. Look for other enjoyments.

10TH SUN. Someone may be feeling under the weather, or dealing with a sense of lack or limitation, but a lively talk peps up everyone's spirits. You and others enjoy pleasurable excess or the spotlight at dinner.

11TH MON. From the wee hours till morning, there's still a lot of back-and-forthing between you and another, not all of it satisfying. Tonight Mars enters Gemini, revving up your social agenda, but not well tonight.

12TH TU. Social pressure or problems with a friend can arouse anger, but you can dodge the bullet by choosing to focus on other warm, mutual benefits available emotionally or financially.

13TH WED. The morning continues yesterday's warm, toasty feeling with someone, making you feel fulfilled and secure; but larger life issues may loom in a more repressive, constricting way.

14TH TH. If you've got friends far away, they'll be there for you bigtime today, providing stability, affection, and good advice. An in-law might play the same role. Legal or school news is good.

15TH FRI. It might seem as if there's a lesson today about social freedom vs. personal responsibility, or the lively stimulation of a friendship and the responsibility to a child or romantic partner.

16TH SAT. Sometimes love—romantic, parental, divine, universal—can feel dreamy and sweet, and today is one of those times. Your needs are lovingly tended to by those who care for you.

17TH SUN. THE NEW MOON is in your business zone, putting the monthly emphasis on your professional and public status. Make room for stable revisions and you can ground a good plan in the weeks ahead.

18TH MON. There's a high activity rate early with a friend or social group, especially lively at noontime, but with Mercury retrograding, look for stalls, misunderstandings, and errors to replace swift interactions.

19TH TU. A wee-hours conversation can be filled with information and assorted perspectives, but with Mercury turning, reviews are better than new action. Schedule a friendly lunch. It'll be fun.

20TH WED. The more-moody Cancerian Moon may make you less interested in outer activity and more drawn to solitude and quiet. Follow your instincts when it comes to restorative time.

21ST TH. It might be wise to resist the urge to take a big chance or push too hard at something. The odds are not in your favor. Pull back from conflict. There's stress in assertion and peace in retreat.

22ND FRI. The month's ongoing divide between your social life and larger freedoms and closer-to-home responsibilities continues, and it weighs on you.

23RD SAT. If you follow yesterday's tension with resistance or anger, you'll miss out on the chance to make good connections and enjoy lively, happy accord.

24TH SUN. If you follow your feelings early this morning, you'll ride into immediate enthusiasm about what you encounter, which can make today fun.

25TH MON. You and others are feeling restless and impatient. Break-ups occur. Misdirection thrives. Irritation turns to insecurity, defensiveness, and anger.

26TH TU. Take care of banking or financial matters this morning. Tonight, you'll receive family and friendly appreciation for how well you've provided.

27TH WED. A high-octane early-morning conversation with a friend spreads into quick action on a good idea about what to do today. Everybody's talking!

28TH TH. Lovely developments occur right in your own neighborhood. Harmonious interactions can help you realize that you've got friends all over.

29TH FRI. A well-meaning friend may pass along incorrect information. Yesterday's easygoing familiarities with others turn more awkward today.

30TH SAT. Lots of views expressed in your social circle put a variety of options on the table. After analyzing all of them, turn to your intuition for guidance.

31ST SUN. Don't mix friends and money, or your credit cards; your shrewd instincts may already be telling you that. Keep a careful eye on money.

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EMPHASIS IS IN YOUR 9TH HOUSE. IT RULES

- religious and spiritual affairs
- interests in distant places
- neighborhood activities
- altruistic undertakings

YOU ACHIEVE THE GREATEST SUCCESS BY

- getting plans and ideas approved
- attending to correspondence
- heeding the views of others
- going along with changes

YOU SHOULD AVOID

- arguing over beliefs and politics
- mixing up communications
- disclosing views too early
- hiding your true feelings

YOUR MAY HOROSCOPE AND DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

You start with Venus in charming, smart Gemini at the top of your chart, giving the month a people-events feel. Network. Make friendly contacts and useful business alliances. Watch for opportunity. You've got mutable-sign action that could easily distract you. Neptune is in Pisces, your relationship zone, so you might be attracted to artsy, creative people, those involved with film or photography, musicians or composers, writers or poets, and healers or service people. Try to stay away from those who drink or use drugs. You can use Neptune, too, to create an image, but it's easy for the lines between fantasy and reality to blur, especially when Neptune squares Mercury, Mars, and the Sun (9th, 25th, 31st).

The 3rd's Scorpio Full Moon, combined with the emotional harmony of Venus in Cancer in your friendship zone, is a social indicator, putting you in the mood to interact with people you're comfortable with or have known a long time. It also shows the necessity of dealing with tedious paperwork and other things open to mishandling or misunderstanding, like an awkwardly worded e-mail. But your ruler, Mercury, is in air-sign Gemini in your career house, giving it strength and quality in one of the signs it rules. It will be here until early July, a long transit because of its mid-month retrograde (18th). A business plan or public strategy or just about any communication associated with what you do, directed and clarified beforehand, does, after the retrograde, re-

quire caution and your characteristic sharp eye. Review, double-check, and dig deep when it comes to facts and claims. Correct errors. Getting it wrong can be frustrating. From the 11th on, muscled-up Mars is in Gemini and brings his assertive, competitive ways to work and career matters. From the 14th to 16th, things might be difficult. Urgency or an impulse to take action is held up by home or family problems. Saturn, the other mutable-sign obstructor, might represent a boss or authority figure, someone cramping your style. The aspects in Gemini peak on the 1st, 9th, 12th, 17th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th (a Mercury-Mars conjunction that needs expression), 29th, 30th, and 31st, but especially on the 3rd, 15th, and 22nd when Saturn in Sagittarius opposes Mercury, Mars, and the Sun. You'll want to consolidate these influences around your career and social status, but don't become preoccupied with what the world thinks of you and your position in your world. Opposition can be frustrating if obstacles cause you to question yourself, to doubt or worry; superiors could be the problem again, or you're in too much of a hurry. Family members or home developments make demands. The last days of the month require care and tact. You might feel edgy and aggressive when TLC is called for. Take Mercury's retrograde to consider your positions and viewpoints and what might need clarification or revision about your personal and professional direction.

1ST FRI. Whatever motivations you have for feeling optimistic or being generous, you could have second thoughts later when upsets develop. Regarding money and all else, it's best to play it safe.

2ND SAT. You may have to make snap decisions out of necessity, but avoid doing that if you can. Nervous tension can cause you to act and think fast, but not in a way that is to your advantage.

3RD SUN. THE FULL MOON warns you to stay clear of outlandish views, radical ideas, controversial topics—and relatives. News can be upsetting. You might be tempted to take on too much.

4TH MON. You can resolve aggravations regarding differing viewpoints, in-laws, travel, or a legal question, but to do that and cope with other problems that crop up, you'll have to hold your temper and not overreact.

5TH TU. A potential for making improvements is at your disposal (especially in the areas of creativity, romance, children, learning, and legalities), provided you don't waste it by daydreaming or being scattered.

6TH WED. A sense of being indecisive or unsettled dominates the first half of the day, along with questions such as, "Should I stay or should I go?" It's all about whether you want to venture out of your safety zone.

7TH TH. Venus puts a nice spin on your social life for the next four weeks. Though some may come and some may go, friends are a blessing you find yourself relishing and counting on.

8TH FRI. Today's influences won't do much to put everyone in a good mood. If you want to have fun, you'll just have to try to make the most of things—and maybe set your sights lower temporarily.

9TH SAT. If your head is too much in the clouds, you can veer off in unrealistic directions; if, on the other hand, your feet are planted firmly on the ground, you enjoy whimsical pleasures in the company of another.

10TH SUN. For one reason or another, you should feel you're in your element today, and friendly contacts help you along. You're inclined to make improvements where needed and can be helpful to a fault.

11TH MON. Starting now and continuing for six weeks, Mars will give your ambition a boost. Regardless, you'll probably have to work harder. If you meet challenges, there's no telling what you can accomplish.

12TH TU. Be on guard. Consider the fact that people could have hidden agendas; on the other hand, don't take offense where none was intended. To avoid provoking such reactions, be crystal clear about your own intentions.

13TH WED. Make your case where others are concerned as early in the day as possible. Later, they'll be less receptive, and you'll have trouble getting or holding their attention.

14TH TH. It's possible you'll feel burdened by a home task or work concern you've taken home with you. If pushy, authoritative people get in your way, stand up to them with patience and dignity.

15TH FRI. Financial problems or complications could be in the picture. Failure to understand others or be realistic where they are concerned can put you at a disadvantage.

16TH SAT. There are plenty of reasons for being happy with the people in your life, such as their being sweet, kind, and supportive—qualities enhanced by spending time in settings that are peaceful and beautiful.

17TH SUN. THE NEW MOON focuses your attention on distant places, perhaps with the idea of planning vacation travel, or ways to challenge yourself mentally or stretch yourself intellectually.

18TH MON. As your ruler, Mercury, turns retrograde, it may start to feel like for each step forward, you have to take two steps back. Review past—and double check new—work. Look up old contacts.

19TH TU. To get ahead on the job and elsewhere, or to advance financially, tune in quietly to progressive trends. Socially, though, it's a nice time to look back and renew contacts.

20TH WED. An urge to make positive changes or to expand can meet resistance from others, such as family members with more conservative leanings. You'll have to try to be pretty convincing.

21ST TH. Be careful about provoking jealousy or suspicion. This could be one of those days when, no matter how much you give, it's never enough. Watch out for demands that are unreasonable.

22ND FRI. There are lessons to be learned about family, career, and questions of success/failure. Take stock of how you're doing and make adjustments.

23RD SAT. Whether it's because of our own inner conviction or someone's approval, it feels like you get a vote of approval, and there's reason to be optimistic.

24TH SUN. With a void-of-course Moon in your twelfth-house sign, the less you've got planned, the happier you'll be. It's a day to take as it comes.

25TH MON. Bright ideas that catch you off guard can be stimulating, too, but be careful if costs are attached. It can add up to too much excitement for one day.

26TH TU. Circumstances could impel you to do an about-face. Regardless, it's beneficial now to pause before taking another step forward.

27TH WED. Your talent for being helpful can come in handy today when a friend or colleague needs a little reassurance. Self-indulgence is tempting.

28TH TH. Fascinating ideas can present themselves, but make an effort to keep plans in the realm of possibility, as thinking can be dreamy or unrealistic.

29TH FRI. Relationships can be a bit unsettled; give it time for equilibrium to be restored. Keep an eye on income and outgo to keep them balanced.

30TH SAT. Indecisiveness could be a problem, one that's aggravated by deception or self-deception. Where other people are concerned, check your assumptions.

31ST SUN. Your mind is keen this morning; put it to good use. Later, though, someone's tendency to exaggerate or overreact calls for restraint.

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EMPHASIS IS IN YOUR 8TH HOUSE. IT RULES

- jointly held money and property
- secrets and hidden talents
- legacies, savings, taxes
- personal resources

YOU ACHIEVE THE GREATEST SUCCESS BY

- clearing away debts, balancing accounts
- displaying thrift and resourcefulness
- conserving strength and money
- finding relaxing pastimes

YOU SHOULD AVOID

- displaying a lack of self-confidence
- being too possessive and secretive
- arousing jealousy or resentment
- making plans based on illusions

YOUR MAY HOROSCOPE AND DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

You might be in a soul-searching mood as the month begins with the Sun in Taurus in the mysterious eighth house; or you're thinking a lot about shared benefits, including what you get from being in current relationships. But you're also thinking about money, your future, and the possibility that change is called for in some domestic or intimate affairs. It's possible that the sexual side of a partnership will come up for discussion or exploration because there's a problem, or you seek greater mutual understanding and respect. The 3rd's Scorpio Full Moon reflects some of the above issues—money, sex, power, shared feelings—as well as advising you to transform your personal-earnings situation. You might question what you get from all your partnerships, as well as from your employment, or if you're being given a fair share of power or assets in a joint venture. If there are still things to be worked out in an important partnership, this lunation will set you to work on it. With Jupiter involved, excess spending or a miscalculation is possible.

Your ruler, Venus, enters Cancer and your business zone on the 7th, which will amp up the social volume at work. Network. Forge useful, caring alliances. Problems might ease if you're charming and easygoing—which is easy for you—on the 16th-17th, a very creative or romantic time as Venus trines Neptune in your day-to-day activity house. An imaginative insight could bring progress in a work or health situation or

project, or a compassionate act toward a co-worker makes someone, or you, feel good.

You may have less astuteness when it comes to money due to impractical ideas from the 14th to 16th. This is frustrating if a responsibility claims your attention when you're in the mood to do something exciting to break a dull routine under Saturn's opposition to Mars, followed by its opposition to the Sun on the 21st-22nd while Pluto opposes Venus. This also has the potential to arouse intense feelings in a close relationship. Someone may be unsupportive. Approval is lacking. Wanting your own way can lead everyone involved into jealously manipulative territory.

Your restless, stimulation-seeking side increases when the Sun enters Gemini in Sagittarius' traditional zone (21st) for the next month. Perhaps you can schedule a vacation now. Although with Mercury here retrograding on the 18th, double-check everything! Travel could expand your view of the world and also be lots of fun. If you can't get away, try to break up your routine with some exciting activities. Even armchair traveling could be interesting and diverting. You may also have an urge to explore a deeper way of seeing life, but come the 24th to 27th, while dynamic and fruitful for this, volatility prevails if you can't keep your opinions objective and perspectives realistic. A more personally transformative outlet for your restlessness would be better.

1ST FRI. You dislike discord, especially if you're in the middle of it. Still, if you can skirt difficulties flaring around you, there are moments of special enjoyment; the lead-up to noon is prime-time.

2ND SAT. You're a lucky girl or guy—especially if having a tête-à-tête this morning, maybe with a friend far away? Whether connecting in person or online, you'll find favor and friendship in equal harmony.

3RD SUN. THE FULL MOON is definitely a fiscal reminder, as if your tablet or smartphone suddenly went “beep, beep, beep.” Negotiations are difficult, rigid, or demanding, making compromise unlikely.

4TH MON. There's a tug-of-war between whatever is holding you to the past and what's stirring you to explore a more exciting but less stable future. Don't let nerves lead you to use money to excess as an outlet.

5TH TU. Look for a way to structure a plan or long-term agenda this morning so more dour thoughts don't have a chance to take root. When sharing ideas or discussing options, avoid turning it into a debate.

6TH WED. There's a sense of happy anticipation in the air early this morning, and if you follow the ride, you'll have had a pretty exciting trip by afternoon. You can enjoy just as well without fiscal excess.

7TH TH. A noontime interaction can be very stimulating if each person is open to what the other wants. With your ruler Venus entering Cancer, family-like ties begin to prevail in business. Nurture them.

8TH FRI. What's going on at home can bring up some deep emotional reactions within you, intensifying family feelings or your own about a domestic issue. Tonight can bring the calm before a storm.

9TH SAT. Information or conversations might hold more appeal than accuracy. Double-check data; don't believe everything you hear. On the other hand, straightforward practical action yields good results.

10TH SUN. Don't stay down if a feeling of lack or limitation starts your day. A noontime talk is a surefire pick-me-up that can lead to opulent enjoyments and lively connections where “all you need is love.”

11TH MON. Mars enters Gemini, activating an interest in travel, study, legal affairs, different cultures, and points of view. Be sure your ideas express what you want and mean because you take quick action on them.

12TH TU. Ideas and interactions may feel more contentious than congenial, at least in undercurrents. Don't battle with words. Let an early-morning snuggle be the energy that sets the day for you.

13TH WED. The morning can provide a moment of serene balance, but there might be some gruffer personalities on the scene. Look for ways to share peacefully and you can avoid the scuffling clutter.

14TH TH. The Aries Moon shakes things up, even during the very active wee hours. If a lunchtime encounter or errand doesn't go all that well, an evening conversation or positive mood will make up for it.

15TH FRI. If there have been differences brewing about a trip or conflicting opinions, a roadblock to action and effectiveness is set up today. Rather than give up, regroup around obstacles and surprises.

16TH SAT. The idea, and ideal, of love is heart-warming. What you share with someone—love, money, sex, emotional closeness, trust, compassion; what you have and they don't—brings satisfaction and security.

17TH SUN. THE NEW MOON is financial; money, earnings, and spending agendas need a fresh look. It's also about values and building your self-esteem. Now's the time to find out the worth of things.

18TH MON. The lines of communication and idea-based action are so high-wired early it's hard to see tonight's slowdown of Mercury retrograde, which fosters stalled travel, misunderstandings, or rethinking.

19TH TU. The wee hours may be very active, opening channels of lively chat, or debate, about recent developments, possibly re: travel or something overseas. Look for a silver lining today and you'll find it.

20TH WED. You'd rather a less emotional climate in which to further yesterday's positive vibes, but feelings become more of a motivator than ideas. Get past a blue noon and no big problems lie after that.

21ST TH. An interest in travel gets vital light shed on it, but dodge uncomfortable pressures from a friend or social connection. Watch, too, for resistance, jealousy, resentment, or manipulation in a major tie.

22ND FRI. Differences of opinion can create real divides in a conversation or situation, perhaps regarding travel, but close loved ones are supportive.

23RD SAT. If a boss or parent makes you feel bad, there's plenty of reason to rejoice and feel good about yourself with some lively, loving friends.

24TH SUN. The morning starts on a lively note, leaving the rest of the day an open canvas for you to fill with enjoyable social interactions and group activities.

25TH MON. Instability and wrong choices make for an edgy, disruptive day. People stay irritated through the evening, so keeping to yourself may be your best bet.

26TH TU. If you take some time for yourself, away from the madding crowd, you could feel rejuvenated by this evening, and well cared for.

27TH WED. News from far away or about a trip can prompt rapid action to put things in play. By tonight, you'll have faith in the stability of what's been set up.

28TH TH. The Moon in your sign makes you popular and charming, noticed by interesting others who turn a good idea into a great action plan this afternoon.

29TH FRI. Thinking is foggy again today, so postpone big practical decisions. Travel plans also fog up, and relations today take finesse and careful navigation.

30TH SAT. Talk fires on all cylinders about a trip, or activity on one is lively, eventful, and informative. What you learn or see could expand your view of the world.

31ST SUN. A spiritual sensitivity opens your eyes to a different world, but it's not wise to count on this view when it comes to any practical conditions.

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EMPHASIS IS IN YOUR 7TH HOUSE. IT RULES

- your mate, allies, competitors
- public alliances and relations
- change of environment
- expanded interests

YOU ACHIEVE THE GREATEST SUCCESS BY

- complying with others' requests
- looking for better associates
- achieving emotional poise
- heeding wise counsel

YOU SHOULD AVOID

- being contrary or uncooperative
- neglecting your share of duties
- trying too hard for attention
- mixing in office arguments

YOUR MAY HOROSCOPE AND DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

The 3rd's Scorpio Full Moon sets the tone, showing how well you've been taking advantage of favorable work and health trends. You're used to having control—of your will and emotions and of events—and you have likely been treading this path to success with intention and intuition. But you've also had some luck, and it will all be revealed this month, a time, too, to pamper yourself, relax, transform your outer image and inner emotional potential. If social and diplomatic efforts have left you wondering where your interests fit in, this lunation is your signal about how well you're doing in partnerships. It will reveal your strengths, and faults, and empower a laserlike intelligence and psychic intuition. Your passion and determination to succeed are intensified, but try to contain feelings like resentment or jealousy. You'll have command and conviction to express yourself, but don't get carried away by emotion. Make accurate assessments based on what you've learned about yourself. With this Moon Jupiter-indulged, fluctuating moods may affect work affairs. If you've got commitments, honor them.

From the 11th on, your co-ruler, Mars, is in Gemini, your own zone of sex, death, transformation, and shared emotional and financial assets. This could be a very sexual time. You may be feeling romantically assertive, or a trusted intimate partner will be. Financially, you may also want to take, or at least talk, the lead, especially if seeking a loan, credit approval, or other fiscal

advantage. You'd benefit from exploring a metaphysical or psychological subject.

The 14th to 16th could bring tension with a parent, authority figure, business or personal partner, or a delay in fiscal matters under Saturn's opposition. Dealings with others will likely not go well. It will be hard to assess worth and value, making negotiations more difficult. At the 18th's retrograde Mercury in Gemini, pull back on a financial or credit commitment or expect a stall or errors. Double-check financial documents, maybe with the help of a partner, inspired by the Taurus New Moon (17th). Once the Sun arrives in Gemini and your solar eighth house on the 21st, it consolidates and intensifies these interests and feelings. The 21st and 22nd also feature conflict if you buck heads over differing opinions. If you can, avoid the struggle or seek a constructive interaction; otherwise, with your ruler—power-player Pluto—opposing Venus, manipulation or bullying takes over. Also, Saturn opposes the Sun, amping up differences, delays, and restrictions. Someone might object to a money or business development or cause a stall. Cover your bases. Contain rising emotions. Avert a major work or status issue under a no-resolutions Jupiter-Pluto inconjunct. Instead of pushing boundaries, power-struggling, or pressing ego desires, take some space for yourself and let others have theirs. With the 26th-27th loud and assertive, a secure retreat might be a better location than the middle of the fray.

1ST FRI. There are ways to gain recognition this morning, but they'll require that you use subtle, not obvious, means—something you're good at! Getting your ducks in a row then will help to forestall tensions later.

2ND SAT. A hazy, vague, indecisive trend seems to be prevalent; refrain from involving yourself in situations or behaviors that can be undermining to your health or well-being. Stay alert!

3RD SUN. THE FULL MOON in your sign puts you and your personal affairs at center stage. For better or worse, your actions will elicit strong responses from other people and will not go unnoticed.

4TH MON. Help a partner find the middle ground between taking a reasonable risk and going out on a limb. Another's faith in you feels good, but don't let it embolden you beyond reason.

5TH TU. Start a conversation; talks can be pragmatically productive and provide interesting perspectives that you should consider. Matters involving economics, however, call for extra care and perception.

6TH WED. If you don't overextend or overcommit, there's energy for enjoying activities with loved ones and creative pursuits. For the purpose of business or advancement, you may have to put on a good face.

7TH TH. With Venus favorable to your sign for the next four weeks, a vacation spent on or near the water or to visit relatives may look appealing. Some will be in the mood to tie the knot.

8TH FRI. For the most part, it's a day to be cautious in travel and communication. In particular, be discreet and discriminating when discussing views with those whose opinions count, lest your reputation suffer.

9TH SAT. Don't take what you hear literally; look for the creative inspiration instead. A partner's thinking is creative, but that might not be what you need now, especially if someone's playing with the facts.

10TH SUN. You can gain by associating with dependable groups or companions. Seek also to promote family time and togetherness. In either case, even too much can be a good thing.

11TH MON. Mars, your co-ruler, changes sign, moving into Gemini, calling you to diversify—from your investments to more general interests. You'll feel called upon to be a jack-of-all-trades or to multi-task.

12TH TU. Whether it's a call from a telemarketer, an aggressive salesperson, or a rude person you encounter on the street, someone or something can set you off. Don't make things worse by resorting to incendiary words.

13TH WED. Another's sweetness can be comforting, a source of reassurance and delight; it's a good day to enjoy another's company. Be on guard against waste later in the day.

14TH TH. Try not to waste time resenting extra responsibilities or limitations that are imposed on you. Instead, let them spur you on to be more resourceful and to find money-saving solutions.

15TH FRI. Adverse trends that carryover from yesterday denote that you can feel very put upon now. Unfinished tasks will have to wait while you resolve personal troubles and get errands out of the way.

16TH SAT. A Venus-Neptune trine can put a creative or romantic spin on whatever you're doing. The notion of travel or an escape, romance, and fun entertainments can get your imagination going.

17TH SUN. THE NEW MOON puts an accent on contractual matters and partnership affairs. Some will be faced with the need to resolve questions of worth and values, and to decide about how much things should cost.

18TH MON. Mercury's station may mean having to go back to square one and rethink financial moves; a decision could come back to haunt you. Hold off on signing contracts for the next three weeks.

19TH TU. Something could push you to make a spur-of-the-moment decision this morning, a time when spontaneity counts. Later, though, it's best to coast along and keep your thoughts to yourself.

20TH WED. Incoming news or mail can give you a lift, but it's probably wise not to invest too much faith in it; rather than invite a setback, do whatever you can to prevent one.

21ST TH. If you've got something important to discuss with someone whose approval or assent you need, better reschedule that talk for another day. Everyone's preoccupied with his own agenda.

22ND FRI. A lesson about money may be in the offing. Instead of bemoaning your fate, you'd be better off just trying to learn whatever you can.

23RD SAT. Observe the needs or desires of a parent or leader in your circle. Conversations are a chance to show off your intelligence, humor, and wit.

24TH SUN. Your best bet is to take the day as it comes without any particular agenda in mind. Take it easy, relax, and enjoy fun entertainments.

25TH MON. Your ability to enjoy yourself today is proportional to your ability to adapt to the unexpected. Do you find it inconvenient or fun?

26TH TU. It's time to take a look at where you're investing your time, energy, and, in particular, money and to uninvest from what shows little or no return.

27TH WED. In an effort to avoid unpleasantness, some may consider telling the truth to be too confrontational. Keep things nonthreatening and light.

28TH TH. Thinking is imaginative and creative, but that may not be an advantage where money is an issue; in that case, stick to the cold, hard facts.

29TH FRI. Your tendency to keep to yourself is enhanced, and that can be useful for reviewing shortcomings with an eye toward making improvements.

30TH SAT. You should have a better outlook on life, thanks in large part to the Moon in your sign, which makes you feel more like taking charge.

31ST SUN. Today is a day to enjoy harmless forms of escape. Leave real-world concerns and choices for another day; for now, they'll likely be misguided.

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EMPHASIS IS IN YOUR 6TH HOUSE. IT RULES

- dependents, pets, parents, relatives
- health, diet, necessities of life
- fellow employees, servants
- work or service activities

YOU ACHIEVE THE GREATEST SUCCESS BY

- improving your physical condition
- associating with idealistic people
- welcoming new work or methods
- staying on your present job

YOU SHOULD AVOID

- being too demanding with co-workers
- assuming other people's problems
- nourishing an inferiority complex
- neglecting your health and diet

YOUR MAY HOROSCOPE AND DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

You're usually optimistic and courageous, sometimes an evolved seeker of truth, crusader for a just cause, and open-minded thinker. This month, a project linked to these Jupiterian ideas could involve travel or study, or a relocation, that stalls; or you may pause it, wanting time to reflect under the 3rd's psychologically intense, Jupiter-squared Scorpio Full Moon. You may be navel-gazing rather than working efficiently or paying attention to the outer world, daily duties, or these plans. Transform your inner life so you can find a healthy mind-body-spirit balance. On the 5th or 6th, you awaken from this self-involved cocoon to get to the bottom of a work or health problem. With the Sun trine Pluto, something can be found, resolved, or rejuvenated, practices you can launch at the 17th's Taurus New Moon.

Mars' entry into Gemini and your relationship zone on the 11th could bring differences to the surface in key relationships if proper care isn't taken. Everyone's feelings and actions need to be considered and given expression. Mutual stimulation is a constructive, inspiring outlet for assertive energy. From the 14th to 16th, you may feel weighed down by responsibilities. Partners may be unsupportive under the frustrating Mars-Saturn opposition. Focus on what's essential: the details. Be practical. Even if angry, people on both sides of a disagreement need reassurance and support.

On the 18th, Mercury in Gemini starts a three-week retrograde, making interactions with

those closest to you hard to assess. Meanings become confusing; information is lacking or incorrect. Partners are more reticent or critical. Don't sign on any dotted lines. Sort through associations to discover their value. Look for areas of mutual interest. Before committing, figure out if the two of you have enough in common to sustain a joint enterprise for the long term.

The Sun's entrance into Gemini (21st) is another sign that the next month will be filled with assessing a relationship's character and quality. Issues will come up that support or undermine alliances. The 22nd-23rd could highlight these differences, not likely pleasing, but a great lesson in helping you understand who you are, or how you may have been neglecting others, within these associations—and what boundaries you need to maintain. The 24th to 27th may also offer conflict or chaos as Neptune squares Mars aside the assertive charge of the Mercury-Mars conjunction. Someone is missing the point or a direction, charging forward even though the bulls-eye is not clear, because of distractions, deception, or misrepresentation. With Jupiter inconjunct Pluto, theatrical ego displays or pushing safe limits presses problems to their max. Unwind. The problem likely originates in a home or family matter, one that's been put off or ignored. Neptune can make things very murky, so it's best to deal with what is tangible and practical.

1ST FRI. You're always up for fun and frolic before contentious interactions, so skirt another's moody outburst and look for good times with friends where you can find them.

2ND SAT. What you tried to mine socially yesterday will be delivered with charm and attentiveness this morning, which can set a happy tone for the day. By tonight, some time alone might be good for you.

3RD SUN. THE FULL MOON reminds you to maintain mind-body-spirit balance for complete well-being. Differences create rigid divides if no one compromises. News can be tough, and partners cold or demanding.

4TH MON. You might react to yesterday's restrictive tone with excessive indulgence, but that can have a high price tag. Look for ways to release outdated patterns or habits and make way for progressive trends.

5TH TU. The Moon enters your ebullient sign this morning, making you ready for a day when everything goes your way; but a responsibility, some withholding, or a repeat of opinionated differences interferes.

6TH WED. If money's in the picture, you're empowered to make more of it or secure its future growth. But with such a good mood propelling you through the day, you may squander some of it in joyful activities.

7TH TH. You're still trying to resolve relations up until noontime, requiring mutual interest, which it has. With Venus entering Cancer, sharing becomes emotional, especially about money and feelings.

8TH FRI. It's likely to be all about money today, and while there are some stumbling blocks, you'll feel well satisfied by evening if you've made the right moves and used your fiscal might wisely.

9TH SAT. You won't know you can't see the forest for the trees, so it's best to take everything with a grain of salt. Look for ways to enjoy weekend fun and apply yourself to the tasks that need tending.

10TH SUN. A budget or credit matter may not go well, dampening a plan. Still, by noontime, a bright idea or cheery conversation with a friend can get you out and about enjoying all of life's little pleasures.

11TH MON. The action planet, Mars, enters Gemini for six weeks, stirring up partnership activity, some of it encouraging and inspiring, some of it competitive and aggressive, like tonight's moody outburst.

12TH TU. After yesterday's sudden energetic pulse, some of it irritating, there might be an angry backlash today. In between, there are sweet moments of shared bliss, like early this morning, to enjoy.

13TH WED. You'd rather explore the world and expand your mind, but there are responsibilities or obligations to take care of that require restrained commitment. Let your noble side take over.

14TH TH. If you're a wee-hours person, you'll find dandy stimulations to keep you occupied, helping you start the morning ready to face the day's agenda. Look for accord and happy talk tonight.

15TH FRI. A major obstacle, responsibility, or restriction pits your desire and physical drive against it. Frustrations abound. Don't waste energy at inappropriate times. Look for a surprising resolution.

16TH SAT. If you need to feel the soft caress of the divine, or of a loving person, after recent stress, you'll find it in the day's warm embrace. People are kind, compassionate, idealistic, and soothing.

17TH SUN. THE NEW MOON reminds you that while you prefer life on the cuff, order and routine in your daily life will serve you better. Structure work and health matters. Maintain a grounded schedule.

18TH MON. A fast, lively exchange about a quick plan runs till noontime, yet Mercury retrograde stalls plans, starts to bring misunderstandings, make partners more reticent, and requires a relationship review.

19TH TU. The Gemini Moon makes others active, stimulating, talkative, happy-go-lucky, and looking for interesting interactions. If you play your cards right—and you're a card shark, for sure—the day's a winner!

20TH WED. What is said this morning won't hold much weight going forward, so don't fret about a conversation. The day's emotional Cancer Moon might bring up more feelings to deal with than you'd like.

21ST TH. Don't push your luck. That's your motto today. Others are equally resolute about getting what's theirs, making this a contentious, no-win day. Stay cool, avoid money struggles, and color within the lines.

22ND FRI. Someone close to you near or far is your support today as you face yet another sense of opposition or oppression in a main relationship.

23RD SAT. There might be residual aftereffects from yesterday's events, but if you search for joy, you'll find it aplenty by the time late night arrives.

24TH SUN. The day is largely free from celestial interference, except for an exciting morning start that propels you into adventure and enjoyment.

25TH MON. Instability in a relationship, job, or finances sends you in misguided directions. Irritable frustrations peak to passive-aggressive proportions.

26TH TU. There's a chance this morning to repair what went wrong yesterday. If you take it, smooth connections make the evening comfortable.

27TH WED. Everyone needs constructive physical and mental outlets so that you can take quick action on a good idea rather than debate contentiously.

28TH TH. Fair-mindedness takes the place of pushiness, creating an afternoon of congenial interaction and shared accord about what needs to get done.

29TH FRI. Friends may not be as reliable today as yesterday, nor as congenial. You'll need focused finesse to negotiate more awkward relations.

30TH SAT. Enlivening discussions are beneficial, stimulating you to discuss various options; but if feelings are ignored and someone vociferous, a debate ensues.

31ST SUN. As outspoken as everyone was yesterday, today perspectives and directions lose steam and go off course. Retreat might be good for you.

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EMPHASIS IS IN YOUR 5TH HOUSE. IT RULES

- life's pleasures, recreations, hobbies
- creative talents, favorite activities
- romance, freedom, leadership
- children, objects of affection

YOU ACHIEVE THE GREATEST SUCCESS BY

- promoting interests of dear ones
- strengthening bonds of affection
- showing attention to youngsters
- displaying executive ability

YOU SHOULD AVOID

- failing to be loyal and dependable
- pursuing pleasure too vigorously
- inviting trouble with loved ones
- spending money carelessly

YOUR MAY HOROSCOPE AND DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

The 3rd's intense Scorpio Full Moon sets the tone for the next few weeks, bringing a focus or even obsessive preoccupation with some group activity, even if you are more involved with personal interests and work. You will be pulled from your cocoon of concentration on home and business to contribute to a favorite, or friend's, cause; or a friend needs a favor and you want to be there. All this could, however, bring an emotional tug-of-war between social affairs and commitments and personal concerns and loved ones. However, with the Sun in Taurus until the 21st and Venus in Cancer after the 7th, love, romance, children, and personal pleasures bring bigtime emotional and material fulfillment. You'll want to repair key bonds and will realize how much you need someone, or certain relationships. While the Sun-Pluto trine on the 6th is your ticket to empowerment and self-improvement, there could be relationship trouble on the 21st or 25th, when Venus is opposed by Pluto and then squared by Uranus, bringing bumpy instability.

Alongside this is an emphasis on work, health, service, and pets with Mercury and Mars—and Venus and the Sun for times—in Gemini. Neptune squares on the 9th, 25th, and 31st can be very confusing. You may see the best in others and your heart may be in the right place, especially on the job, but you're not getting your point across clearly; or you might not comprehend things, making judgments

faulty. More serious might be the 15th's Mars-Saturn opposition. If you've been ignoring or neglecting a work or health matter or other condition of daily life, you'll be faced with demands or the consequences of that; or you might have to deal with a troublesome boss or authority figure. Don't defeat yourself. Focus on necessity. You may have recently lost track of the bigger goal under a self-indulged personal exploration. It's necessary to take hold of long-term health or work routines. Maybe you need to join a gym or better control your diet, cutting out sugars and wheat if you find you're consuming too much of them.

Mercury's retrograde here on the 18th is a further sign of the necessity of buckling down to the details and nitty-gritty of sixth-house interests: work ties, paperwork, daily routines, health regimens. Sift out obstacles to progress. Double-check information on the job, especially that which is related to health instructions, like prescriptions and appointments. If you've got your daily life in order, it will function better under Mercury's retrograde.

When the Sun enters Gemini on the 21st, it brings all of these ongoing interests together. For the next month you should work on self-improvement. Fix it up and you'll feel great! On the 22nd or 23rd, you may see the cause of a recent work or health problem, and it likely won't be a pleasant experience. Nonetheless, this awareness brings you halfway to the cure.

1ST FRI. A window opens early for expansion and making progress regarding your objectives, but then it's all downhill, as complications can suddenly multiply. It's best then to get an early start.

2ND SAT. Keeping your plans for the day on track will be a challenge in the face of potential confusion, uncertainty, and missteps. Keep your guard up and be mindful of what you're doing.

3RD SUN. THE FULL MOON starts you thinking about new goals. You'll be focusing on balancing practical considerations against possibilities for reaching beyond your usual comfort zone and taking big risks.

4TH MON. Be careful not to overdo in the spending department; a bargain could turn out to be anything but. You'll find it's a mistake to allow yourself to be guided by the Pleasure Principle.

5TH TU. If you're unsure what to do, turn to someone you trust for advice. Then you'll feel in possession of the personal will, authority, and power to make a legal, educational, travel, or other matter turn out right.

6TH WED. Factors are tempting you to be uncharacteristically indulgent, particularly in ways that impact your work or health; cut yourself slack for the moment, but only if you can afford to and absolutely must.

7TH TH. This is the last in a brief series of days during which you feel hemmed in, whether by self-doubt or limiting circumstances. Just bide your time and be patient; take care of pending business.

8TH FRI. With Venus opposite your sign for a full month to come, you should attract attention and interact more with other people. Decide where you want to go with this. Relationship changes are in store.

9TH SAT. Communication and travel, whether local or long distance, can suffer because of confusion. Absentmindedness or forgetfulness could force you to retrace your steps.

10TH SUN. You can communicate easily with people, especially salespeople, and may acquire useful information about practical concerns. An optimistic mood inclines some to overspend.

11TH MON. Mars entering Gemini assures that over the next six weeks you'll not only be busy with work, but also perhaps focused on fitness. A premium is put on learning new things and diversifying contacts.

12TH TU. In your drive to get things done, you risk straining yourself physically or behaving in ways that others find off-putting. Imagination is active, but it can lure you into confusing situations.

13TH WED. During the first half of the day, pleasure may come in a package of quiet contemplation; heart's desires are obtainable if you see the proper person. For the rest of the day, just go with the flow.

14TH TH. Don't let feelings of frustration take hold if a problem seems inordinately difficult. Muster up your problem-solving skills and you'll meet this challenge. Whatever makes you feel grounded provides support.

15TH FRI. Extra duties and a heightened sense of activity could arise at home; if you're not careful and mindful of what you're doing, you could end up just spinning your wheels and having little to show for your efforts.

16TH SAT. Trends are potentially romantic, but also creative. Even practical, realistic you may have a tendency to view the world like a poet. A wave of harmony fills your heart with love.

17TH SUN. THE NEW MOON focuses your attention on children, love, and ways to get more fun out of life. Maybe it's time to start planning that vacation. Express your creative, charming self.

18TH MON. Mercury's about-face signals that the next three weeks require caution regarding work and health, matters that can be helped along by doing further research, not being too quick to commit.

19TH TU. Bold, new ideas are worth at least a glancing consideration. Take a chance on something original. Today is all about keeping your mind active and putting it to work.

20TH WED. The day will be a lot more enjoyable if you can manage to adjust your expectations to make allowances for your own shortcomings, as well as for what you perceive to be another's laxity.

21ST TH. To keep interactions with other people harmonious, avoid anyone's attempts to use push-pull or all-or-nothing tactics. If conflicts arise, keep them in their proper perspective.

22ND FRI. If you're feeling weary but feel you have too much to do to rest, cut yourself a little slack. Take yourself. Set priorities and do only what you must.

23RD SAT. It helps to be able to compromise if you need something that requires another's time, resources, or attention. You can then get what you want.

24TH SUN. Today offers a perfect opportunity for you to enjoy some down time. Not only will that give you time to rest and reflect, but it will also keep you out of trouble!

25TH MON. Home life sets out on an unsteady trend, one that you can enjoy if you're up for surprises. Change doesn't have to be upsetting.

26TH TU. Be skeptical. The fact that someone speaks with conviction isn't a reliable indication that they are right. Don't make impulsive decisions.

27TH WED. Do comparison shopping for various items, but don't spend just yet, especially if you're overly concerned with appearances or reputation.

28TH TH. Career is always dear to your heart, and today you can take positive steps toward realizing a goal, in spite of a possibly confusing, uncertain start.

29TH FRI. You can take positive steps to make things go the way you want. Determined effort is required, though, to cut through some confusion.

30TH SAT. Consider work or health options; a method or possibility that you had previously dismissed may come up again for your consideration.

31ST SUN. You may be called upon to be of service or to make a sacrifice. But be careful about what you put your faith in; things may not be what they seem.

Use each part of every day best by following the aspects in the Self-Guidance Chart.



EMPHASIS IS IN YOUR 4TH HOUSE. IT RULES

- office or base of operations
- property or estate matters
- home, family, community
- parents and elders

YOU ACHIEVE THE GREATEST SUCCESS BY

- laying the foundation for achievement
- giving greater attention to elders
- improving your environment
- thinking in practical terms

YOU SHOULD AVOID

- making changes that unsettle security
- choosing a wrong time for showdowns
- being affected by business tensions
- neglecting counsel from friends

YOUR MAY HOROSCOPE AND DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

The domestic theme continues with the Sun in Taurus until the 21st—when it then enters your house of romance, recreation, creativity, and hobbies—and personal pleasures become top priority. Plan time with children. They'll be engaging, energetic, and smart and will need plenty of creative, constructive outlets, or maybe a fun, educational trip.

The 3rd's Full Moon in Scorpio opens a business theme for the next few weeks, a work development that might put you in the spotlight. The transformation of your public duties will begin to manifest. Your feelings about them might change. There might be a promotion or new responsibility; you feel drawn in a different direction; or a family or property issue takes up your time. With Jupiter square the lunation, don't lose an opportunity by being careless or inattentive to detail. People respond to your enthusiasm, but let them express their views, too. At the 6th's Sun-Pluto trine, conviction and self-control land you an extra dose of personal or professional power, or an ongoing domestic development is under favorable conditions.

Potential conflict could arise around the 15th, when your sign's co-ruler, Saturn, opposes Mars. You've been looking to gain attention for what you do and who you are, trying to find the focus for a creative project, since the 11th, when Mars entered Gemini and your house of self-expression; now, you may face a frustrating interaction with an unsupportive person, group, or authority. This

could stop you in your tracks. A similar conflict is possible on the 22nd, when Saturn opposes the Sun. Another lesson from the planet of karma: it's not only about self-will and what you want personally, but also about group or social responsibilities or working within a communal structure. If it's really about getting what you want, paying attention to these lessons will do it. Getting what you want is also a theme under the 21st's Venus-Pluto opposition and 25th's Venus-Uranus square. There might be a work-based power struggle. Someone—you?—may be throwing his or her weight around. Self-awareness is a great asset in understanding how power and will are being employed in your daily life and how to control it to avoid disruptive conditions.

Pleasures and stimulations ride high with so much Geminian activity, but when Mercury retrogrades on the 18th, as the Taurus New Moon (17th) seeds home affairs, you may become less outgoing and more creatively introspective. Release creative control and let the muse flow in unexpected directions. But, with Neptune squaring Mars and Mercury in the last few days of the month, you need to pay attention to how you use your will, since action and thought are both subject to nebulous influences. The best way to glide through this last week is to take a break from the fray and relax with interesting personal diversions or on some exotic travel vacation, even if it's only in your mind or you do stimulating armchair travel.

1ST FRI. Don't let yourself get caught up in an obsessive mind loop. It's easy, but not productive, to chew on a thought too long. Instead, look for lively interactions that offer a break from routine.

2ND SAT. Make sure you're up for a morning encounter. Take someone special to breakfast or enjoy very friendly family time. It's a day for casual playtime and connections with those from afar.

3RD SUN. THE FULL MOON puts you in the middle of a work-home urgency as lines of demarcation are drawn in a discussion, which might turn into a stand-off debate or inability to find the right answers.

4TH MON. Try to avoid an excessive or ill-judged response to events. There's still contention in the air. Look for a way to bring in a new, if unstable, change as old patterns hold tight.

5TH TU. The friendly Sagittarian Moon can bring the joys of community—as well as the responsibilities. Talk is still lively, but it's better to look for common ground than to keep pointing to differences.

6TH WED. You can reach deep within your psychological or emotional reservoir and find enormous strength to create change and make improvements. Later, you can release this focus and just have fun.

7TH TH. Lively activities bring social and personal stimulations. With Venus entering Cancer and the Moon in Cap, though, you might feel the need to pull back from a hectic pace to rest and retreat.

8TH FRI. If you've been able to take a break from a full social calendar, you'll find the time was beneficial to your inner health and strength. Still, evening balance can get unhinged very quickly.

9TH SAT. Confusion or misunderstanding may underlie communication, while instinctive action could just hit the mark. Later, this mood fades as optimism and stability begin to prevail.

10TH SUN. Help out a friend or dependent in need to the best of your ability. Come noon, make a friendly call; ask for, or give, advice; or look for a congenial pal online, revving up a lively afternoon of pleasure.

11TH MON. Mars enters Gemini. While unpleasant tonight, the next six weeks will be high-octane energetics for creative expression and the pursuit of pleasure. Hyperactive children will need stimulating outlets.

12TH TU. A child or personal companion, or you, might feel more combative than congenial. Still, an early-morning love vibe from a family member can help you weather a difficult dinner or errand excursion.

13TH WED. A financial transaction or banking matter feels emotionally correct this morning, so follow your hunches. If a lunchtime interaction doesn't go well, you can anticipate happier accord this evening.

14TH TH. If you've got energy going in the middle of the night, there are a lot of friendly contacts when you reach out, whether via technology or in person. Tonight might bring the two of you back together.

15TH FRI. There's a frustrating divide to deal with between personal pleasures and social responsibilities. Someone may stand in the way of what you want to do. Can you find other exciting diversions?

16TH SAT. If you feel good about who you are and see the best in others, what you do, or spend, will be in line with your highest ideals. That sense of love easily extends into a calm, caring family evening.

17TH SUN. THE NEW MOON sets the tone for the business month ahead, as well as for public or parental affairs. Plant seeds for practical success—without excess. Don't give in to reckless urges.

18TH MON. The morning's extra-lively pace with a personal project, child, or local activity presages Mercury's retrograde tonight, a review-and-redesign phase. Expect, too, misunderstandings and errors.

19TH TU. The wee hours are likely to be filled with engaging conversation. If you're looking for information or are too wired to sleep, seek answers. Lunchtime will be a surefire pick-me-up.

20TH WED. Morning conversation can hold small irritants, but if you don't hold onto what is said, not much will come of it. The emotional climate later, however, may not be to your liking.

21ST TH. Stresses and pressures from an alliance creep up from the shadows, but luck is not on the side of those who push past what's legal, accepted, or appropriate. Controlling ego urges is everyone's concern.

22ND FRI. A commitment or communication is on the serious side, linking an ongoing life theme that differentiates between pleasure and responsibility.

23RD SAT. If you look for the bright side and the glass half full, you'll be overflowing with good vibes, agreeable friends, happy circumstances, and love!

24TH SUN. You're a lively early bird today, ready to engage enthusiastic feelings that propel you and/or another into a day of lively activity.

25TH MON. A sudden upset or moody outbreak can disrupt an activity or alliance. Trying to straighten things out might only make them messier.

26TH TU. If something went amiss in a talk or a procedure, you can make repairs and improvements and wind up enjoying easygoing company this evening.

27TH WED. There might be a very lively review of a previous plan, perhaps involving a trip or school agenda, that throws a lot of ideas on the table.

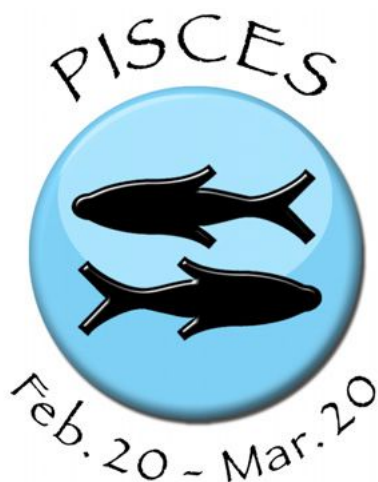
28TH TH. If you turn to someone for advice, you'll get support and an informed perspective. Afternoon action on a good idea makes for a congenial community.

29TH FRI. This isn't the day to make a financial decision, but definitely one on which to double-check banking and other fiscal paperwork.

30TH SAT. Conversation—in person, locally, on the phone, via Skype or online—peaks! People want to connect, play games, do crosswords, journal, or talk.

31ST SUN. Misdirection—in funds, with friends, in messages or dialogue—prevails, making it hard to gain ground. Pursue more mystical subjects instead.

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EMPHASIS IS IN YOUR 3RD HOUSE. IT RULES

- mental interests, ideas, writing
- near relatives and neighbors
- meetings and conferences
- communications and visits

YOU ACHIEVE THE GREATEST SUCCESS BY

- being willing to listen and decide
- showing an interest in neighbors
- communicating with others
- adding to your knowledge

YOU SHOULD AVOID

- handling finances extravagantly
- imposing on neighbors and kin
- drawing premature conclusions
- taking unnecessary journeys

YOUR MAY HOROSCOPE AND DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

Your emotional impulses feel the intensity of the 3rd's Full Moon in Scorpio. It might involve travel, study, a legal matter, an adventure, a spiritual pursuit or emerging awareness, reshaping your future. Something may get resolved. Your natural restlessness is amplified, urging you to explore the world, perhaps to escape from something that's become boring or routine. You're seeking liberation. You might use work as your go-to place during this escape, but it's important to see work in appropriate measure and to stay adaptable. Don't become too focused on just one way of things working, or working out. Also, keep appraisals of opportunity realistic. Don't overcommit yourself. Commitments are involved in the communication theme as well, with the Sun in Taurus until the 21st. If you've got a point to make, a conviction to express, or detailed research to pursue, look for empowerment at the 6th's Sun-Pluto trine.

From the 11th on, when Mars enters Gemini, joining Mercury, family or property affairs take up your time. A home project or communication issue—discussion or activity involving moving or redecorating—takes lively steps forward, with muscled-up Mars bringing weight to your actions and intentions. Around the 15th, however, when Saturn opposes Mars, tensions arise if what you want differs from what a parent, boss, or family member wants, especially if practical realities are being ignored. This is also evident around the 22nd, when the potential for conflict

is tangible if you're pressing your luck or the limits. When Mercury begins its three-week retrograde (18th), it could indicate a change of mind or reconsideration of a family or home plan. Something rejected is looked at again or something agreed to is paused for review. An old idea, or person, may surface for resolution. Double-check paperwork, commitments, or appointments. Back up computer work. Expect misunderstandings, confusion, or lost documents. Still, this introspective turn could help you resolve a problem or find a new way of looking at things as you assess assumptions or decisions.

For emotional satisfaction, Venus in Cancer as of the 7th is the month's most wonderful time for you to begin taking advantage of chances to enjoy warm, secure connections with caring people and share recreational pursuits and a satisfying stream of personal pleasures with someone you love. From the 24th to 27th, however, fatigue may set in. More may be going on at home than you can handle without rattled nerves. Find time by yourself to wind down, but also moments to show off your talents when you're around loved ones. This period may call for an honest evaluation of what you're doing, or not doing, and about being too sensitive. With Neptune square Mars, a grandiose vision might get the better of you and send you off in the wrong direction. It's easy to be misled. Stay as objective and realistic yet soul-sensitive as you can.

1ST FRI. Get an early start today while things are looking up and you and others are likely to be in a good mood. Later, situations can incline people to be unpredictable or grouchy, but not upfront about it.

2ND SAT. If it seems that you're having trouble getting plans off the ground today, don't push it. The day takes on a dreamy, nebulous, unfocused quality, better for being inner- rather than outer-focused.

3RD SUN. THE FULL MOON can bring into your orbit people and concepts that feel a bit extreme. Ideas have power, and it's worth entertaining a few now that can set the stage for making powerful changes.

4TH MON. Moods are upbeat. Some are inclined to take it easy, though, which makes it hard to get anything accomplished. Make sure that those who make big claims can back them up with proven experience.

5TH TU. You'll have the courage of your convictions, be down-to-earth in your thinking, and maintain a good defense against being misled regarding home or business concerns—if you rely on friends to keep you on track.

6TH WED. Consider yourself warned against poor moves or judgment in connection with career interests or parental concerns. This is not a time to be rash, impulsive, or inconsistent.

7TH TH. You're got the planet Venus on your side for the next four weeks, and that should be a plus in the love department, whether you're already involved or on the dating scene. Life, in general, can be more fun.

8TH FRI. You can meet with aggravations today, whether at work or on the social scene. Circumstances as well as moods can seem changeable. Be patient with fretful friends.

9TH SAT. Try not to let escapism or fantasy get in the way of logical thinking where it's needed, but put it to use where it can do the most good, such as for creative, imaginative, and recreational interests.

10TH SUN. Your thoughts are likely to turn inward on this day that favors contemplation. Look for subtleties or innuendos; you can discover hidden factors. Find time to be alone with your thoughts.

11TH MON. With Mars settling into your solar fourth house for the next six weeks, you should be extra active around the home front and with family. It should be a busy, if not peaceful, time.

12TH TU. Sometime today, an interesting intuition may come to you. Before you act on it, however, take the time to think it through. Don't look too far ahead, ignoring what's in front of you.

13TH WED. Life's finer things are beautifully shared. Midday is a good time to enjoy another's company, maybe over a scrumptious lunch. Later, it's a good idea to remember that there can be too much of a good thing.

14TH TH. Between work and home obligations, you may feel as if you're being torn in a million different directions. To make things more manageable, organize time and tasks efficiently.

15TH FRI. The Moon focuses your attention on money and questions of worth and value, but discernment could be a problem; it's a good day to ask yourself whether there is truth in advertising.

16TH SAT. A romantic fantasy can come true. A child could bring heartfelt joy. Or a creative muse will be whispering to you. Engage in activities that are all about peace, beauty, imagination, and inspiration.

17TH SUN. THE NEW MOON places a positive accent on travel and mental interests, though you may have to contend with a few limitations or delays. Don't waste time arguing with an opinionated individual.

18TH MON. Mercury's retrograde station puts the brakes on activities involving home or family for the next three weeks. Repeat, repair, review, and replay will be dominant themes concerning these interests.

19TH TU. If you're in the mood for something novel, your best bet for putting a fresh spin on routine activities is to revive something from the past. It's a good day to go retro style-wise. What's old is new again.

20TH WED. Try to create a better situation where children, love, or romance is concerned. Don't be timid about trying to correct problems or differences. They won't get better all by themselves.

21ST TH. Your involvement with someone can get very intense, as needs become demanding and insistent. Passions intensify, pulling some closer together and pushing others apart.

22ND FRI. Today can provide a lesson concerning your success or failure on the world stage or your ability to handle home/family stress. It's time to take stock, regroup, and reset priorities.

23RD SAT. Satisfaction can be gained from taking care of things around the house or otherwise being productive—and having something to show for your effort.

24TH SUN. This can be an enjoyable day, even productive, provided you're willing to relax and take things as they come. Don't make it about accomplishment.

25TH MON. With children, loved ones, and creative expression, it helps to think out of the box, but spending can have unexpected/unwelcome consequences.

26TH TU. You may find that you have to repeat yourself or cover old ground in your conversations. It may be necessary to rethink a past decision.

27TH WED. In order to feel good today, it helps to establish clear boundaries. You and another can't expect to be responsible for the other's happiness.

28TH TH. Reaching agreements, especially about financial matters, should come easily, as will any discussions in which you require someone's aid.

29TH FRI. Today should stand in stark contrast to yesterday. It's not the best day to tackle financial concerns. Don't buy; do comparison shopping instead.

30TH SAT. Home could be a hub of activity, some of it confusing. Catch up on what family members have been up to. Discuss options and concerns.

31ST SUN. Attention is on travel or chats with distant others. Emotional responses may feel overwhelming. An excess of options can make decisions difficult.

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TAURUS' YEAR AHEAD

— by PAT STRICKLAND —



YOUR ASTROLOGICAL OVERVIEW

Happy birthday, Taurus! You are entering a wonderful year of growth and opportunities. When your forecast period begins, Jupiter is in Leo, your solar fourth house, giving you the energy and enthusiasm to improve your home and family life. During this transit, you may move, redecorate, add a room, or buy or sell property. Your family may grow, or someone may move into your home. On August 11, Jupiter moves into Virgo, your solar fifth house, increasing your creativity and your desire to enjoy your life. You may be more willing to take risks during this transit, but you should definitely avoid dubious investments and unsafe sex. Play it safe!



Saturn is in Sagittarius and your solar eighth house throughout most of your forecast period. Except for a brief return visit to Scorpio from June 14 to September 16, Saturn will be in Sagittarius for two-and-a-half years. While Saturn is in Scorpio, you can work on bringing order to your close relation-

ships. If any conflicts arise, healthy alliances should survive. During the rest of the time, while Saturn is in Sagittarius, try to pay down your debts and get your finances in order.

Since 2010, Uranus has been in Aries, your solar twelfth house, which governs your secrets and the most private part of your life. During this transit, you may learn things about yourself that are less than admirable; on the other hand, you may also discover some wonderful hidden talents. People you knew in the past may come back into your life. Warning: If you do anything illegal or shameful, your actions may eventually become public knowledge.

Neptune is in Pisces, your solar eleventh house of goals, groups, and social connections. During this transit, friends may come and go, but those who are truly kindred spirits will remain with you. Just don't be taken in by people who want to take advantage of your kind nature, and stay away from cults and dishonest people.

Pluto is in Capricorn, your solar ninth house, until 2024. This is an excellent time to enrich your intellect and to increase your chances for success through education, travel, and interaction with people from different cultures. Choose friends, interests, and activities that will enhance your image and your ability to succeed.

Eclipses: An eclipse pinpoints an area of your life that is particularly important at the time of its occurrence, and for six to twelve months thereafter. The effect of

any eclipse is strongest when it occurs; then it wanes until the next eclipse of the same type takes place. Four eclipses occur during your forecast period. The September 13 Solar Eclipse in Virgo and your solar fifth house of pleasure can bring love, a new hobby, or the start of a creative period. The September 27 Lunar Eclipse in Aries emphasizes your secrets, hidden needs, and the most private part of your life. Soon after the March 8, 2016, Solar Eclipse in Pisces, your solar eleventh house, you may find new friends or alter your priorities. The March 23, 2016, Lunar Eclipse in Libra and your solar sixth house emphasizes your health or working conditions.

— YOU ARE SPECIAL —

Reliability is one of your most admirable traits. Other people rely on you when they are going through hard times. As a Taurus, you are patient, cautious, and consistent in behavior. Venus, your sign's planetary ruler, is associated with love, beauty, and money, and you appreciate all three. You are sensuous and fond of pleasure. The song that says "I want a man who's got a slow hand" could describe a Taurus lover. In life and in romance, you are built for comfort—mentally, emotionally, and physically. If your body shape is true to your Sun-Sign, you have a cuddly build. Security is what you need most. You want stability in your home, income, career, and relationships. You dislike sudden change when it's forced on you. You are happiest at home, surrounded by beautiful things and secure in the warmth of a partner's love.

Born April 21 to 30: Ruling both your sign and this decanate, or ten-day segment of your sign, Venus is especially influential in your chart. You are loyal, loving, and attractive. Your personal life is important to you, and being comfortable financially helps to make you feel secure. You need to protect your

alliances and to strengthen family ties. Keywords: Loving, generous, personable.

Born May 1 to 10: Mercury is especially important in your horoscope. Education is your key to success. You need to spend time with wise people who encourage you to become the best you can possibly be. Put your considerable mental abilities to work where they can do the greatest good for you and others. Avoid shady offers that sound too good to be true—they are! Keywords: Practical, precise, witty.

Born May 11 to 21: You have a natural air of authority, because Saturn is strong in your chart, and you are cautious, business-minded, and responsible. Conflicts can arise in your alliances this year, especially between January 3 and March 5, when Mars will visit Scorpio. Work on bringing stability to your relationships. Keywords: Serious, dignified, resilient.

— PLANETARY CYCLES —

Timing is important in all matters. You increase your chances for achieving success when you time your moves according to the positions of the planets. By acting in accordance with planetary cycles, you can make the most of each day and become successful. The best time to begin a new venture is when all the planets are moving forward, or traveling *direct*.

Periodically, all the planets, but not the Sun or Moon, appear to stop and change direction in their orbits. During these *retrograde* periods, projects or relationships may come to a halt. Delays or setbacks can occur. Things tend to move forward once again when the concerned planet resumes *direct* travel. You can use retrograde periods to rest, review work, rethink issues, or prepare for future jobs.

The retrograde periods of Mercury seem to cause more problems in daily life than do the other retrogrades. During

your forecast period, Mercury is retrograde from May 18 to June 11 and from September 17 to October 9 in 2015, and from January 5 to 25 and from April 28 to May 22 in 2016. During these times, errors can occur in documents and messages; communication and travel can be disrupted. Be clear in your speech and writing to minimize the possibility of misunderstandings.

— SPECIAL MESSAGES — FOR TAURUS

Your Romance and Relationships: One-night stands are not for you. You need a partner you can count on to always be there for you. If you are single and looking for love, you may get lucky, as Jupiter is in Virgo, your sector of romance, from August 11 until the end of your forecast period. Venus joining Jupiter in that sector between October 8 and November 7 adds to the possibility. Your earthy sex appeal is stronger than usual between March 31 and May 10, while Mars visits Taurus. You may meet new people through relatives or neighbors between May 7 and June 4, while Venus is in Cancer. While Venus is in Leo between June 5 and 17, you can find affection at home. You could meet someone special through your work or a pet between November 8 and January 2, when first Venus and then Mars visit your solar sixth house. Schedule social dates with your partner or favorite companion between December 4 and 29, while Venus graces Scorpio. Intimacy may be fun and frisky between December 30 and January 22, when Venus is transiting Sagittarius. You may feel attracted to peers or executives between February 16 and March 11, thanks to Venus in Aquarius. A friendship may become more special between March 12 and April 4, when Venus is in Pisces. You may have secret affairs between April 5 and 28, while Venus moves through your solar twelfth house.

Your Money and Work: Your annual

financial cycle begins when the Sun enters your solar second house on May 21, an excellent time to start planning budgets. You could earn money through work done at home between June 5 and July 17, while both Venus and Jupiter are in your domestic zone, or between July 23 and August 22, when the Sun, Venus, Mercury, Mars, and Jupiter each spend time moving through this area. Always keep informed about all debts, wills, joint accounts, insurance, and your partner's spending, but especially between March 6 and the end of your forecast period, while Mars is in your solar eighth house. You can impress managers and superiors by being prepared, enthusiastic, intelligent, and gracious, especially between January 20 and February 18, while the Sun in Aquarius brightens your career zone

Your Health and Habits: If you gain weight easily, you may need to control the size of your food portions and not eat too many sweets. Make it a priority to follow a healthful lifestyle. Be particularly careful at the very start of your forecast period, until May 10, when Mars in your sign can make you slightly accident-prone. Also be careful between November 12 and January 2, as Mars is in your solar sixth house; as much as possible, avoid people who have colds or other contagious illnesses. A good time to start a diet or workout program is between September 23 and October 22, while the Sun in Libra supports your efforts.

Your Spiritual Life: Now that Neptune is in Pisces and your solar eleventh house, you may be attracting spiritual-minded people. Spiritual compatibility can be a good basis for friendship; just be sure to avoid cults and fads. March 19 to April 18, while the Sun is in your contemplative solar twelfth house, will be a good time to go on a retreat. You are more likely to find peace of mind if

you include a spiritual activity in your daily schedule. You may enjoy devoting twenty minutes each day to yoga, meditation, prayer, inspirational reading, or listening to music.

———— MAKE MARS YOUR ———— ACTION GUIDE

Mars represents energy, drive, and courage. As this planet moves through your chart, it prods you to take initiative, attack problems, and turn desires into actions. During your forecast period, Mars travels from Taurus to Sagittarius, energizing and activating many chart areas along the way. You can create the kind of life you want by working on one area at a time as Mars moves through these signs. To increase your chances for success, time your moves to occur when Mars supports your efforts, as outlined in the paragraphs below.

From the start of your forecast period to May 10: Mars is in Taurus, and you want to control your immediate surroundings. People meeting you for the first time may see you as energetic, assertive, sexy, or pushy, depending on how you use this energy. You may be slightly accident-prone, so be careful.

May 11 to June 23: Now that Mars is in Gemini, your solar second house, focus on how you acquire and use your income and personal resources. You can pay bills, plan budgets, and look for new sources of financial or emotional support. If you feel an urge to splurge, don't do it, as you may have unexpected expenses.

June 24 to August 7: While Mars is in Cancer, your solar third house, you want to make your point in discussions. You can learn new things, write letters and reports, gather information, and connect with people. You can make calls, accomplish mental or written work, run errands, or take short trips. Just don't be pushy!

That advice also applies when you are driving a vehicle.

August 8 to September 23: While Mars is in Leo, your solar fourth house, home is a busy place. You may be doing work there, seeing to the needs of family or visitors, or trying to resolve personal problems. Fires, accidents, arguments, and break-ins can occur, so be careful. Make sure that all smoke alarms are working. Keep outer doors locked.

September 24 to November 11: Now that Mars is in Virgo, your pleasure zone, you want to enjoy life. Self-expression is at a high point. If you earn money through your creativity or artistic talents, you can be very productive. You can express yourself through the arts, love, hobbies, games, or entertaining. Your physical appetites are strong now. You may be willing to take risks, so be careful! Avoid gambling and risky sex. Some Taurus people will be involved with a birth, pregnancy, or adoption.

November 12 to January 2: While Mars is in Libra, your solar sixth house, you may have a heavy workload or tedious obligations. Employees or co-workers may be difficult. Stress can weaken your immune system, so get plenty of rest. Don't overdo anything, including work, exercise, or dieting. Avoid people who have colds, the flu, or other contagious diseases. Be careful when traveling to and from jobs and medical facilities.

January 3 to March 4: Now that Mars is in Scorpio, your solar seventh house, your relationships require sensitivity. Friends, loved ones, or associates may think you are neglecting them or have needs that clash with yours. Problems can arise if this transiting Mars forms a harsh aspect to one or more of your natal planets. Be tactful. Avoid people who tend to be abusive or argumentative.

March 5 to the end of your forecast period: While Mars is in Sagittarius, your solar eighth house, partners or financial lenders can be difficult. Don't take on new debts. Keep informed about your partner's finances, all debts, joint accounts, insurance, and investments. Strengthen financial security.

— YOUR MONTHLY FORECAST —

As you have undoubtedly observed, there are times when everything seems to go smoothly for you and other times when the going is rough. These trends are linked to the planets' movements through the signs and the houses of your solar horoscope. Moody Days occur when the Moon is in your sign; you may be emotionally vulnerable then. Your actions and decisions may be based on feelings instead of logic or reason. Here are some trends and dates you can use to your advantage.

May: Your appearance, personal approach, and finances are in the spotlight this month. You can move forward with new personal plans and projects early in the month, while the Sun and Mars are in your sign. You can see to your material needs and look for new sources of income throughout the month as at one time or another either Mercury, Venus, Mars, or the Sun will be moving through your solar second house. The combination of the Scorpio Full Moon on the 3rd and the Taurus New Moon on the 17th calls attention to your needs and those of people close to you. While the Sun visits Gemini, May 21 to June 20, you can improve your financial condition. *Moody Days: 16th, 17th, 18th. Keyword for the month: Appearances.*

June: Sex, money, or a serious matter may be on your mind on the 2nd, when the Sagittarius Full Moon illuminates your solar eighth house. With the Sun, Mercury, and Mars all moving through Gemini, you may have extra expenses or

other financial matters on your mind. While Venus visits Leo between June 5 and July 17, you can enjoy relaxing at home or with your family. Communication improves after Mercury turns direct on the 11th, after having been retrograde since the 18th of last month. You could open a savings account around the 16th, under the Gemini New Moon. Saturn retrogrades back into Scorpio on the 14th, which may begin a brief but stressful time for you, especially if you were born between May 19 and 21. You may be kept busy with errands, written work, learning, or neighborhood activities after Mars enters Cancer on the 24th; if you are involved in any sibling rivalries, they may become heated. *Moody Days: 12th, 13th, 14th. Keyword for the month: Communication.*

July: This month has two Full Moons. The first, in Capricorn on the 1st, calls attention to education, in-laws, legal affairs, and the beliefs that guide you. Focus mainly on gathering information, staying in touch, and learning new things for the first three weeks of the month, while the Sun and Mars both visit Cancer. The New Moon in Cancer on the 15th and Mercury there between the 8th and 22nd encourage discussions with neighbors and your siblings or other relatives. Between the 18th and 30th, while Venus visits Virgo, you can express yourself through love, hobbies, entertaining, or creative activities; you may find love or have expenses related to children or pets then. Venus is retrograde from the 25th of this month until September 6, a challenging time for a wedding. This month's second Full Moon, in Aquarius on the 31st, emphasizes career, business, and your status. *Moody Days: 9th, 10th, 11th. Keyword for the month: Home.*

August: This month's main event is Jupiter's arrival in Virgo, your solar fifth house, on the 11th. This transit can bring love or opportunities for pleasure into

your life. If you've been wanting to learn to sew or to play a musical instrument or to engage in any other creative activity or form of self-expression, make your move now. On the 1st, the Sun, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, and Uranus are all in fire signs, adding excitement to your life. With Venus in Leo all month, Mars there from the 8th on, and the New Moon there on the 14th, your home or family may become more important. The Pisces Full Moon on the 29th invites you to review goals and priorities to see if they need revision. *Moody Days: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th. Keyword for the month: Creativity.*

September: This is expansive Jupiter's first full month in your pleasure zone, and you want to let loose and enjoy yourself. Two eclipses occur this month. The first, a Solar Eclipse in Virgo on the 13th, may bring changes in your love life or your relationship with a child, but the Lunar Eclipse in Aries, your solar twelfth house, on the 27th can really shake things up. You may soon see surprises in your private life. This sector also represents your partner's health, so encourage this person to live a healthful lifestyle. With Venus direct in Leo from the 6th on, you can enjoy happy times at home, or maybe do some redecorating. After Saturn returns to Sagittarius on the 17th, you may have to deal with intimate needs or financial issues you thought were behind you. Avoid distant travel between the 17th and October 9, while Mercury is retrograde. *Moody Days: 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 29th, 30th. Keyword for the month: Efficiency.*

October: With Mars and Jupiter in Virgo all month, and beyond, and with Venus there starting on the 8th, you can socialize or find satisfaction through expressing your creativity. After Mercury turns direct on the 9th, communication becomes easier. After the Sun enters Scorpio on the 23rd, you can work on strengthening your alliances and your

position within them; over the next four weeks, be especially sensitive to the needs and feelings of your partner, friends, and loved ones, especially when doing things that can affect them. *Moody Days: 1st, 27th, 28th, 29th. Keyword for the month: Cooperation.*

November: Venus in Libra from the 8th to December 3 can ease your way on jobs and in work relationships; you may also have bills related to health, yours or a pet's. After Mars enters Libra on the 12th, you may have to face extra work or tedious obligations. You may also be vulnerable to accidents or infections; avoid people who have colds, the flu, or other contagious diseases, and be careful when traveling to and from jobs or medical facilities. On the 13th and 14th, Venus and Mars form helpful sextiles to Saturn, giving you a chance to make a fresh start. By month's end, the Sun and two planets in Sagittarius make you feel optimistic about the future, a good way to start the holiday season. *Moody Days: 23rd, 24th, 25th. Keyword for the month: Integrity.*

December: Work and obligations are emphasized all month, thanks to Mars in Libra. Venus enters Scorpio on the 4th, easing your way in relationships. The New Moon in Sagittarius on the 11th may awaken your desire for intimacy. Keeping your mind focused on any issue may be difficult now, as the Sun, Mercury, and Saturn, all in Sagittarius, provide plenty of distractions. The Full Moon in Cancer on Christmas Day shines a bright light on your communication skills. You may interact with neighbors or siblings more over the next two weeks. Remember that people, including you, can be supersensitive during this lunation. Spend time with your children or a loved one on the 31st, while the Moon is in Virgo; keep any festivities simple. *Moody Days: 20th 21st, 22nd. Keyword for the month: Optimism.*

January: Your education and beliefs are in the spotlight around the 9th, thanks to the New Moon in Capricorn. With the Sun in that same sign until the 19th, you have enough time to take a short course or to plan taking one, or to plan a trip. Your needs may be very different from those of friends or associates after Mars enters Scorpio on the 3rd. Don't expect other people to be of much help after Jupiter turns retrograde on the 7th; they'll be too busy seeing to their own needs. You can use a break between the 8th and 19th, while the Sun and retrograde Mercury accompany Pluto in Capricorn. You may be able to improve your position at work or in your profession between the 20th and February 18, while the Sun visits Aquarius. *Moody Days: 17th, 18th, 19th. Keyword for the month: Education.*

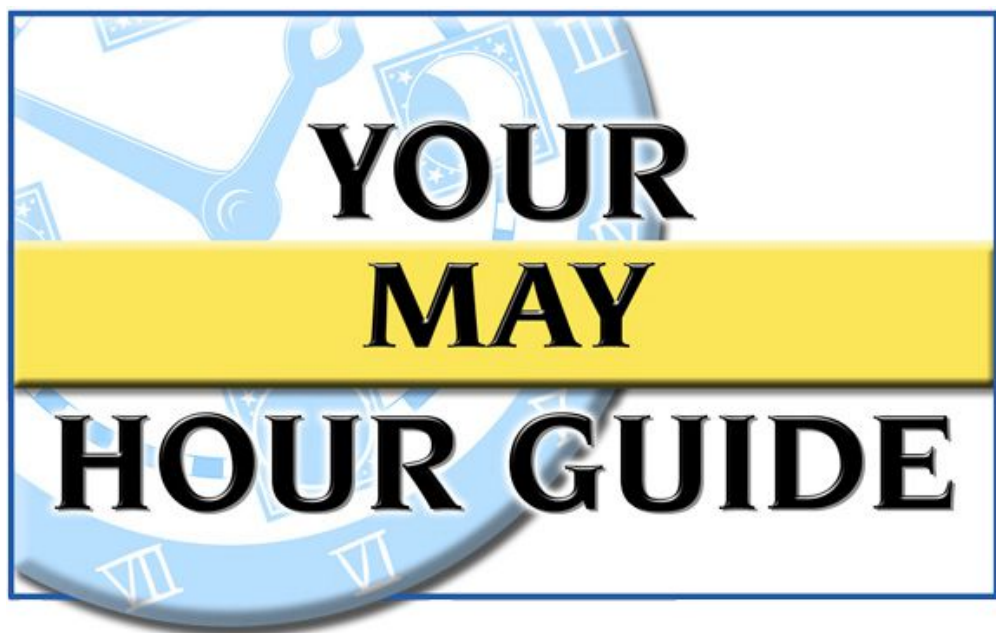
February: If you've been wanting to launch a campaign or switch to a different life path, consider doing so on the 8th, under the Aquarius New Moon. With Mars in your solar seventh house all month, your partner or others close to you may be difficult or want more attention. You can have success if you use new work methods or techniques after Mercury enters Aquarius on the 13th, followed there by Venus on the 16th. Your social life and goals get a boost between February 19 and March 18, while the Sun visits your solar eleventh house. You might enjoy hosting or attending a Leap Year party on the 29th. *Moody Days: 13th, 14th, 15th. Keyword for the month: Ambitions.*

March: Goals and friendships are in the spotlight for the first three weeks of the month, while the Sun, Mercury, Venus, and Neptune take turns passing through Pisces. The Solar Eclipse in Pisces on the 8th may bring someone into your life who will become a friend. You can review your goals and, if necessary, revise them, between the 5th and 18th, while the Sun and Mercury are in Pisces. The Lunar Eclipse in Libra on the 23rd may inspire you to start a creative project; maybe this is when you'll write your book. Within the next six months, some Taurus folks will find love, become pregnant, give birth, or adopt a child. *Moody Days: 11th, 12th, 13th. Keyword for the month: Goals.*

April: During the first three weeks of the month, the Sun, Mercury, Venus, and Uranus take turns in Aries, highlighting your inner life. The New Moon in Aries on the 7th is a good time to assess your activities of the past year. Give yourself credit for everything you have achieved or attempted to achieve. Learn from any mistakes. As your birthday gets closer, your energy and enthusiasm should increase. When the Sun enters Taurus on the 19th, decide what your next move should be. Figure out what you have to do to achieve your objectives. Set specific goals and deadlines. You can move forward with confidence because you have tremendous inner strength and other wonderful qualities that invite success. You can achieve great things! *Moody Days: 8th, 9th, 10th. Keyword for the month: Self-confidence.*



Most medical astrologers will tell you that it's usually best not to schedule surgery when the transiting Moon occupies the sign ruling the part of the body scheduled for surgery. When the Moon was transiting in Libra, a woman I know was hospitalized and immediately placed on intravenous in preparation for abdominal surgery. Her I.V. was uncomfortable and sensitive from the very beginning, and it remained unusually sore and bothersome some weeks after it was removed. It was considerably later that she discovered that Libra rules the veins.



YOUR MAY HOUR GUIDE

A planetary hour feature meets with immediate success because of the ease and simplicity with which results are obtained. When combined with the daily aspects listed in the Self-Guidance Chart, the advantages of this guide are enhanced. Find the nearest latitude on any map or in an atlas for your locality and the planetary rulership of your activity; then proceed as follows to use the accompanying tables.



Question: I'm trying to get a petition going in my neighborhood, with the objective of correcting a situation in my community that I and my neighbors have been complaining about for some time now. When would be a good time to start canvassing for signatures? I live at latitude 41°.

Answer: On Tuesday, the 26th, a conjunction between Mercury (written documents, ideas) and Mars (crusades), which culminates very early the following day, should prove very useful for providing you and your neighbors with a vehicle for turning talk into action. You could consider getting started during a Jupiter hour for your vicinity on that day to encourage an enthusiastic response and win support—11:57 A.M. to 1:10 P.M.

Add one hour for daylight saving time.

THE SUN—ruler of Leo. Reigns over business and social advancement, employment, promotion, favors, public announcements, authority figures. The Sun governs the upper back and heart, right eye in males, left eye in females. Its metal is gold; its colors, orange and golden shades; its flowers, yellow poppy and marigold; its day, Sunday. Favorable: 6th, 8th, 9th, and 26th. Unfavorable: 4th, 13th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 30th, and 31st.

MAY 1st to 7th, ANY YEAR, in North Latitude
 ♄ Saturn; ♃ Jupiter; ♂ Mars; ☉ Sun; ♀ Venus; ☿ Mercury; ☾ Moon.
Day Hours; Sunrise to Sunset. Mean Time.

Lat. 27°	Lat. 29°	Lat. 31°	Lat. 33°	Lat. 35°	Lat. 37°	Lat. 39°	Lat. 41°	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Lat. 43°	Lat. 45°	Lat. 47°	Lat. 49°	Lat. 51°	Lat. 53°	Lat. 55°
5.22	5.19	5.16	5.13	5.10	5.06	5.03	4.59	☉	☾	☿	♄	♃	♂	♀	4.54	4.50	4.45	4.40	4.34	4.28	4.21
6.28	6.25	6.23	6.20	6.18	6.15	6.12	6.09	☿	♄	♃	♂	♀	♂	♀	6.05	6.01	5.57	5.53	5.48	5.43	5.37
7.34	7.32	7.30	7.28	7.26	7.23	7.21	7.19	♄	♃	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	7.15	7.13	7.09	7.06	7.02	6.58	6.53
8.40	8.38	8.37	8.35	8.34	8.32	8.30	8.28	♃	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	8.26	8.24	8.21	8.19	8.16	8.13	8.09
9.46	9.45	9.44	9.43	9.42	9.40	9.39	9.38	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	9.36	9.35	9.33	9.32	9.30	9.28	9.25
10.52	10.51	10.51	10.50	10.50	10.49	10.48	10.48	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	10.47	10.46	10.45	10.45	10.44	10.43	10.41
11.58	11.58	11.58	11.58	11.58	11.58	11.58	11.58	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	11.57	11.58	11.58	11.58	11.58	11.58	11.58
1.03	1.04	1.04	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.07	1.07	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	1.08	1.09	1.10	1.10	1.11	1.12	1.14
2.09	2.10	2.11	2.12	2.13	2.15	2.16	2.17	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	2.19	2.20	2.22	2.23	2.25	2.27	2.30
3.15	3.17	3.18	3.20	3.21	3.23	3.25	3.27	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	3.29	3.31	3.34	3.36	3.37	3.42	3.46
4.21	4.23	4.25	4.27	4.29	4.32	4.34	4.37	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	4.40	4.43	4.46	4.49	4.53	4.57	5.02
5.27	5.30	5.32	5.35	5.37	5.40	5.43	5.46	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	5.50	5.54	5.58	6.02	6.07	6.12	6.18

Night Hours; Sunset to Sunrise.

6.33	6.36	6.39	6.42	6.45	6.49	6.52	6.56	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	7.01	7.05	7.10	7.15	7.21	7.27	7.34
7.27	7.30	7.32	7.35	7.37	7.40	7.43	7.46	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	7.50	7.54	7.58	8.02	8.07	8.12	8.18
8.21	8.23	8.25	8.27	8.29	8.32	8.34	8.36	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	8.40	8.42	8.46	8.49	8.53	8.57	9.02
9.15	9.17	9.18	9.20	9.21	9.23	9.25	9.27	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	9.29	9.31	9.34	9.36	9.39	9.42	9.45
10.09	10.10	10.11	10.12	10.13	10.14	10.15	10.17	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	10.18	10.20	10.22	10.23	10.25	10.27	10.29
11.03	11.04	11.04	11.05	11.05	11.06	11.03	11.07	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	11.08	11.08	11.10	11.10	11.11	11.12	11.13
11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57
12.5	12.51	12.50	12.50	12.49	12.48	12.48	12.47	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	12.46	12.46	12.45	12.44	12.42	12.41	12.40
1.45	1.44	1.43	1.42	1.41	1.40	1.39	1.37	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	1.36	1.34	1.33	1.31	1.28	1.26	1.24
2.39	2.38	2.36	2.35	2.33	2.31	2.30	2.28	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	2.25	2.23	2.21	2.18	2.14	2.11	2.08
3.33	3.31	3.29	3.27	3.25	3.22	3.20	3.18	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	3.14	3.12	3.09	3.05	3.00	2.56	2.52
4.27	4.25	4.22	4.20	4.17	4.14	4.11	4.08	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	4.04	4.00	3.57	3.52	3.46	3.41	3.35

NOVEMBER 1st to 7th, ANY YEAR, in South Latitude.

THE MOON—ruler of Cancer. Reigns over domestic affairs, short journeys, boating, swimming, temporary plans. The Moon governs the breasts, stomach, female functions, brain matter, left eye in males, right eye in females. Its metal is silver; its colors, pearl and opalescent tints; its flowers, lily and white rose; its day, Monday. There are many Moon aspects during the month; check the Self-Guidance Chart for those that are favorable and those that are unfavorable. When favorable, you can influence others; when unfavorable, you tend to be negative, unstable, tactless, and changeable.

MAY 8th to 15th, ANY YEAR, in North Latitude
 ♄ Saturn; ♃ Jupiter; ♂ Mars; ☉ Sun; ♀ Venus; ☿ Mercury; ☾ Moon.
Day Hours; Sunrise to Sunset. Mean Time.

Lat. 27°	Lat. 29°	Lat. 31°	Lat. 33°	Lat. 35°	Lat. 37°	Lat. 39°	Lat. 41°	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Lat. 43°	Lat. 45°	Lat. 47°	Lat. 49°	Lat. 51°	Lat. 53°	Lat. 55°
5.16	5.14	5.10	5.05	5.03	4.59	4.55	4.50	☉	☾	☿	♄	♃	♂	♀	4.45	4.40	4.34	4.29	4.22	4.14	4.06
6.23	6.21	6.18	6.14	6.12	6.09	6.05	6.01	☿	♄	♃	♂	♀	♂	♀	5.57	5.53	5.48	5.44	5.38	5.31	5.25
7.30	7.28	7.26	7.22	7.21	7.18	7.16	7.12	♄	♃	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	7.09	7.06	7.02	6.58	6.54	6.48	6.43
8.36	8.36	8.33	8.31	8.30	8.28	8.26	8.23	♃	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	8.21	8.18	8.15	8.13	8.10	8.05	8.02
9.43	9.43	9.41	9.39	9.39	9.38	9.36	9.34	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	9.33	9.31	9.29	9.28	9.25	9.22	9.20
10.50	10.50	10.49	10.48	10.48	10.47	10.47	10.45	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	10.45	10.44	10.43	10.42	10.41	10.40	10.39
11.57	11.57	11.57	11.56	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57
1.03	1.04	1.04	1.05	1.06	1.07	1.07	1.08	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	1.08	1.09	1.10	1.12	1.13	1.14	1.16
2.10	2.11	2.12	2.13	2.15	2.16	2.18	2.19	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	2.20	2.22	2.24	2.26	2.29	2.31	2.34
3.17	3.19	3.20	3.22	3.24	3.26	3.28	3.30	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	3.32	3.35	3.38	3.41	3.45	3.48	3.53
4.24	4.26	4.28	4.30	4.33	4.36	4.38	4.41	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	4.44	4.48	4.52	4.56	5.00	5.05	5.11
5.30	5.33	5.35	5.39	5.42	5.45	5.49	5.52	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	5.56	6.00	6.05	6.10	6.16	6.22	6.30

Night Hours; Sunset to Sunrise.

6.37	6.40	6.43	6.47	6.51	6.55	6.59	7.03	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	7.08	7.13	7.19	7.25	7.32	7.39	7.48
7.30	7.33	7.35	7.39	7.42	7.45	7.49	7.52	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	7.56	8.00	8.05	8.10	8.16	8.22	8.29
8.24	8.26	8.27	8.30	8.33	8.36	8.38	8.41	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	8.44	8.47	8.51	8.55	9.00	9.05	9.11
9.17	9.18	9.20	9.22	9.24	9.26	9.28	9.30	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	9.32	9.35	9.38	9.41	9.44	9.48	9.52
10.10	10.11	10.12	10.13	10.15	10.16	10.17	10.18	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	10.20	10.22	10.24	10.26	10.28	10.30	10.33
11.03	11.04	11.04	11.05	11.06	11.06	11.07	11.07	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	11.08	11.09	11.10	11.11	11.12	11.13	11.15
11.50	11.57	11.56	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.56	11.56	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56
12.50	12.49	12.48	12.48	12.47	12.46	12.46	12.45	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	12.44	12.43	12.42	12.41	12.40	12.39	12.37
1.43	1.42	1.40	1.40	1.38	1.37	1.35	1.34	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	1.32	1.30	1.28	1.26	1.24	1.22	1.19
2.36	2.35	2.33	2.31	2.29	2.27	2.24	2.23	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	2.20	2.18	2.15	2.12	2.08	2.05	2.00
3.30	3.28	3.25	3.23	3.20	3.18	3.14	3.11	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	3.08	3.05	3.01	2.57	2.52	2.47	2.41
4.23	4.20	4.17	4.14	4.11	4.08	4.04	4.00	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	3.56	3.52	3.47	3.42	3.36	3.30	3.23

NOVEMBER 8th to 15th, ANY YEAR, in South Latitude.

MAY 16th to 23rd, ANY YEAR, in North Latitude

♄ Saturn; ♃ Jupiter; ♂ Mars; ☉ Sun; ♀ Venus; ☿ Mercury; ☾ Moon.

Day Hours; Sunrise to Sunset. Mean Time.

Lat. 27°	Lat. 29°	Lat. 31°	Lat. 33°	Lat. 35°	Lat. 37°	Lat. 39°	Lat. 41°	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Lat. 43°	Lat. 45°	Lat. 47°	Lat. 49°	Lat. 51°	Lat. 53°	Lat. 55°
5.11	5.08	5.04	5.00	4.56	4.50	4.45	4.41	☉	☾	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	4.36	4.30	4.23	4.16	4.09	4.00	3.51
6.19	6.16	6.13	6.09	6.06	6.01	5.57	5.54	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	4.49	5.44	5.39	5.33	5.27	5.19	5.12
7.26	7.24	7.21	7.19	7.16	7.12	7.09	7.06	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	5.03	6.59	6.54	6.50	6.45	6.39	6.33
8.34	8.32	8.30	8.28	8.26	8.23	8.21	8.19	☾	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	8.16	8.13	8.10	8.06	8.03	7.58	7.54
9.41	9.40	9.39	9.38	9.36	9.34	9.32	9.31	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	9.30	9.28	9.25	9.23	9.21	9.18	9.15
10.49	10.48	10.47	10.47	10.46	10.45	10.44	10.44	☾	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	10.44	10.41	10.41	10.40	10.39	10.37	10.36
11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.57	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.57
1.04	1.04	1.05	1.06	1.07	1.07	1.08	1.09	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	1.10	1.11	1.12	1.13	1.14	1.16	1.17
2.11	2.12	2.13	2.15	2.17	2.18	2.20	2.22	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	2.23	2.25	2.28	2.30	2.32	2.35	2.38
3.19	3.20	3.22	3.25	3.27	3.29	3.32	3.34	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	3.37	3.40	3.43	3.47	3.50	3.55	3.59
4.26	4.28	4.31	4.34	4.37	4.40	4.43	4.47	☾	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	4.50	4.54	4.59	5.04	5.08	5.14	5.20
5.33	5.36	5.39	5.44	5.47	5.51	5.55	5.59	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	6.04	6.09	6.14	6.20	6.26	6.34	6.41
Night Hours; Sunset to Sunrise.																					
6.41	6.44	6.48	6.53	6.57	7.02	7.07	7.12	☾	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	7.17	7.23	7.30	7.37	7.44	7.53	8.02
7.34	7.36	7.39	7.44	7.47	7.51	7.55	7.59	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	8.04	8.09	8.14	8.20	8.26	8.34	8.41
8.26	8.28	8.31	8.34	8.37	8.40	8.43	8.47	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	8.50	8.54	8.59	9.03	9.08	9.14	9.20
9.19	9.20	9.22	9.25	9.27	9.29	9.32	9.34	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	9.37	9.40	9.43	9.47	9.50	9.55	9.59
10.11	10.12	10.13	10.15	10.16	10.18	10.20	10.21	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	10.23	10.25	10.27	10.30	10.32	10.35	10.36
11.04	11.04	11.05	11.06	11.06	11.07	11.08	11.09	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	11.10	11.11	11.12	11.13	11.14	11.16	11.17
11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56	11.56
12.49	12.48	12.47	12.47	12.46	12.45	12.44	12.43	☾	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	12.43	12.42	12.40	12.39	12.38	12.37	12.34
1.41	1.40	1.39	1.37	1.36	1.34	1.32	1.31	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	1.29	1.27	1.25	1.22	1.20	1.17	1.13
2.34	2.32	2.30	2.28	2.26	2.23	2.21	2.18	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	2.16	2.13	2.09	2.06	2.02	1.58	1.52
3.26	3.24	3.21	3.18	3.15	3.12	3.09	3.05	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	3.02	2.58	2.53	2.49	2.42	2.38	2.31
4.19	4.16	4.13	4.09	4.05	4.01	3.57	3.53	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	3.49	3.44	3.38	3.32	3.26	3.19	3.10

NOVEMBER 16th to 23rd, ANY YEAR, in South Latitude.

MERCURY—ruler of Gemini and Virgo. Reigns over correspondence, educational and literary matters, neighbors, kin, merchants, business people, publishers, editors, reporters, distributors, advertisements, contracts, messengers. Mercury governs the solar plexus, lungs, arms, hands, tongue, nervous system, sense of sight. Its metal is quicksilver; its colors, blue and gray; its flower, lily of the valley; its day, Wednesday. Favorable: 19th, 23rd, 26th, 27th, and 30th. Unfavorable: 1st, 3rd, 9th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st.

MAY 24th to 31st, ANY YEAR, in North Latitude

♄ Saturn; ♃ Jupiter; ♂ Mars; ☉ Sun; ♀ Venus; ☿ Mercury; ☾ Moon.

Day Hours; Sunrise to Sunset. Mean Time.

Lat. 27°	Lat. 29°	Lat. 31°	Lat. 33°	Lat. 35°	Lat. 37°	Lat. 39°	Lat. 41°	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Lat. 43°	Lat. 45°	Lat. 47°	Lat. 49°	Lat. 51°	Lat. 53°	Lat. 55°
5.08	5.04	5.00	4.55	4.51	4.46	4.41	4.35	☉	☾	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	4.29	4.23	4.15	4.07	3.58	3.49	3.39
6.16	6.13	6.10	6.05	6.02	5.58	5.54	5.49	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	5.44	5.39	5.32	5.25	5.18	5.10	5.02
7.24	7.22	7.19	7.16	7.13	7.10	7.06	7.02	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	6.58	6.54	6.49	6.44	6.38	6.32	6.25
8.33	8.31	8.29	8.26	8.24	8.22	8.19	8.16	☾	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	8.13	8.10	8.06	8.02	7.57	7.53	7.48
9.41	9.39	9.38	9.36	9.35	9.33	9.32	9.29	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	9.28	9.26	9.23	9.20	9.17	9.14	9.11
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1.05	1.06	1.07	1.07	1.08	1.09	1.10	1.10	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	1.12	1.13	1.14	1.15	1.16	1.18	1.20
2.13	2.15	2.16	2.18	2.19	2.21	2.22	2.24	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	2.26	2.28	2.31	2.33	2.36	2.39	2.43
3.22	3.24	3.26	3.28	3.30	3.33	3.35	3.37	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	3.41	3.44	3.48	3.51	3.56	4.00	4.06
4.30	4.32	4.35	4.38	4.41	4.44	4.48	4.51	☾	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	4.56	5.00	5.05	5.10	5.16	5.22	5.29
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Night Hours; Sunset to Sunrise.																					
6.46	6.50	6.54	6.59	7.03	7.08	7.13	7.18	☾	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	7.25	7.31	7.39	7.46	7.55	8.04	8.15
7.38	7.41	7.45	7.49	7.52	7.56	8.00	8.04	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	8.10	8.15	8.22	8.28	8.35	8.43	8.52
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9.22	9.24	9.26	9.28	9.30	9.33	9.35	9.37	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	9.41	9.44	9.48	9.51	9.56	10.00	10.06
10.13	10.15	10.16	10.18	10.19	10.21	10.22	10.24	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	10.26	10.28	10.31	10.33	10.36	10.39	10.42
11.05	11.06	11.07	11.07	11.08	11.09	11.10	11.10	☾	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	11.11	11.12	11.14	11.14	11.16	11.17	11.19
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12.49	12.48	12.48	12.47	12.46	12.45	12.44	12.43	☾	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	12.42	12.41	12.39	12.38	12.36	12.35	12.33
1.41	1.39	1.38	1.36	1.35	1.33	1.32	1.29	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	1.27	1.25	1.22	1.19	1.16	1.13	1.10
2.33	2.31	2.29	2.26	2.24	2.22	2.19	2.16	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	2.12	2.09	2.05	2.01	1.57	1.52	1.47
3.24	3.22	3.19	3.16	3.13	3.10	3.06	3.02	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	2.58	2.54	2.48	2.43	2.37	2.31	2.23
4.16	4.13	4.10	4.05	4.02	3.58	3.54	3.49	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	3.43	3.38	3.31	3.24	3.19	3.09	3.00

NOVEMBER 24th to 30th, ANY YEAR, in South Latitude.

VENUS—ruler of Taurus and Libra. Reigns over art, music, drama, social matters, courtship, marriage, restaurant managers, beauticians, cosmeticians, dressmakers, milliners, tailors, decorators, new clothing and ornaments, florists. Venus governs the throat, kidneys, lower part of the back, skin, sense of touch. Its metal is copper; its colors, bright blue and pastels; its flowers, violet and daffodil; its day, Friday. Favorable: 16th, 19th, and 21st. Unfavorable: 6th, 10th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 30th, and 31st.

MARS—ruler of Aries and co-ruler of Scorpio. Reigns over physical exertion, affairs demanding audacity and courage, structural iron or steel workers, carpenters, lumber men, machinists, pharmacists, barbers, police, soldiers, hardware merchants. Mars governs the external sex organs, bladder, muscular system, head, face, sense of taste. Its metals are iron and steel; its colors, dark red and magenta; its flower, narcissus; its day, Tuesday. Favorable: 23rd and 27th. Unfavorable: 1st, 12th, 15th, 17th, and 25th.

JUPITER—ruler of Sagittarius and co-ruler of Pisces. Reigns over judges, lawyers, bankers, brokers, physicians, clergymen, politicians, sports people, higher education, the start of new undertakings, buying, lending, favors. Jupiter governs the blood, arteries, liver, thighs, right ear, sense of smell. Its metal is tin; its colors, royal purple and mixtures of red and indigo; its flower, chrysanthemum; its day, Thursday. Favorable: 9th and 21st. Unfavorable: 4th, 6th, and 21st.

SATURN—ruler of Capricorn and co-ruler of Aquarius. Reigns over undertakings that require patience and endurance, plumbers, shoemakers, hide and leather merchants, masons, landscape gardeners, farmers, agriculturists, realtors, studies of a profound nature. Saturn governs the teeth, bones, spleen, knees, left ear, sense of hearing. Its metal is lead; its colors, dark brown and sage green; its flower, carnation; its day, Saturday. Favorable: None. Unfavorable: 1st, 3rd, 4th, 10th, 13th, 15th, 22nd, and 23rd.

URANUS—ruler of Aquarius—higher octave of Mercury (refer to Mercury hours). Reigns over occult sciences, metaphysics, inventions, reforms, new methods, aviation, electricity, telepathy, revolutionary ideas. Uranus governs the ankles and calves. Its metal is uranium; its colors, electric tones and mingled shades; its flower, violet. Favorable: 8th. Unfavorable: 3rd, 4th, 17th, and 25th.

NEPTUNE—ruler of Pisces—higher octave of Venus (refer to Venus hours). Reigns over liquids, chemicals, oil, paint, perfume, narcotics, anesthetics, fishing, shipping, brewing, psychic phenomena. Neptune governs the feet. Its metal is platinum; its colors, intensified turquoise and lavender; its flower, water lily. Favorable: 16th. Unfavorable: 3rd, 9th, 25th, 29th, and 31st.

PLUTO—ruler of Scorpio—higher octave of Mars (refer to Mars hours). Reigns over insurance, taxes, wills, the masses, the underworld, poisonous fumes, rejuvenation, regeneration, transformation, astral-projection. Pluto governs the reproductive organs and gall bladder. Its metal is plutonium; its color, black; its flower, anemone. Favorable: 6th. Unfavorable: 1st, 12th, 21st, 23rd, and 28th.

Note regarding dates: You will find some days listed as both favorable and unfavorable. This is because mixed major aspects prevail then. Check the Self-Guidance Chart for periods when favorable ones are in effect and when unfavorable ones dominate. **Note regarding planetary hour tables:** The day begins at sunrise with the planet ruling the day; for example, the Sun for Sunday, the Moon for Monday, Mars for Tuesday, etc. A planetary hour begins at the time stated and is in effect until the next one begins. Since planetary hours are based on latitude, you do not add one, two, or three hours according to zone time, but you do make an adjustment for daylight saving time.



HORARY ASTROLOGY



by **ALPHEE LAVOIE, C.A.**
NCGR LEVEL IV

Question: *Should I invest in my friend's project?*

Date: *November 15, 2014*

Time: *11:39:29 A.M. E.S.T.*

Place: *West Hartford, CT*

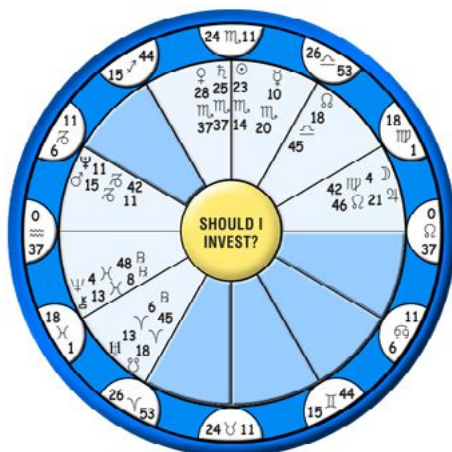
A client called with the following concern: "My best friend plans to build a condominium. He wants me to invest a lot of my money in the project, and I would share in the profits. Should I do it?" This question is very complex, but horary is able to answer any query, provided the astrologer knows the correct houses to use.

With Aquarius Rising in the chart, the Querent is ruled by Uranus, here retrograde in the second house of money. Pisces is on the cusp of that house, and Neptune, its ruler, is retrograde. These retrogrades provide indications as to why the

Querent is so reluctant to invest money in the project.

The friend who wants to build the condo is ruled by the eleventh house (friends). As Sagittarius is on the cusp of that house, we need to turn to Jupiter, its ruler, for answers. Jupiter squares Saturn, the ruler of the friend's second house of money, indicating he needs a funding source for his project. The building project itself is ruled by the second house of the chart (the fourth house from the eleventh, the friend). The second house from that house (the natural third house) will give an indication of the money the builder will make when he sells this condominium.

Before continuing, let's clarify some house rulerships. If someone wants to buy a house to live in, the building is ruled by the fourth house of the chart, which describes the condition of the physical home to be purchased, and the aspects to the



Ascendant tell if the Querent should buy the house or not. Let's say that the Querent is buying a house that needs repair, but he doesn't want to live in it; he only wants to flip it for a profit. In that case, the profit he would make from his work would be ruled by the fifth house; the fifth house (second from the fourth) would be the money he could make from selling the house.

In the current situation, the friend is building condos to sell for a profit. The natural third shows the money that he, the builder, would make selling the condos. Mars, its ruler, is not afflicted, and the Moon widely trines it. That means that he can make a profit, but it may take some time. Remember, in horary the Moon has no orb. It makes aspects to planets until it goes void of course.

Next we have to consider whether or not the Querent should actually invest in this project. The answer to that question is clearly no because his ruling planet, Uranus, is unaspected in his house of money. (Remember, in horary we only use applying aspects, and the classic, Ptolemaic ones, at that: conjunction, sextile, square, trine, and opposition.) Neptune, ruling his second house of money, is in opposition to the Moon and in a wide, out-of-sign square to Saturn, ruler of his friend's house of money. With the planets ruling his money and his friend's money in bad aspect, it is not a good time to make financial deals. Based upon these observations, I suggested that my client tell his friend to go to the bank and secure a loan instead of borrowing the money from him. Let's now take a look at that scenario.

The natural sixth house (the eighth of the friend) rules bank loans. As Cancer is

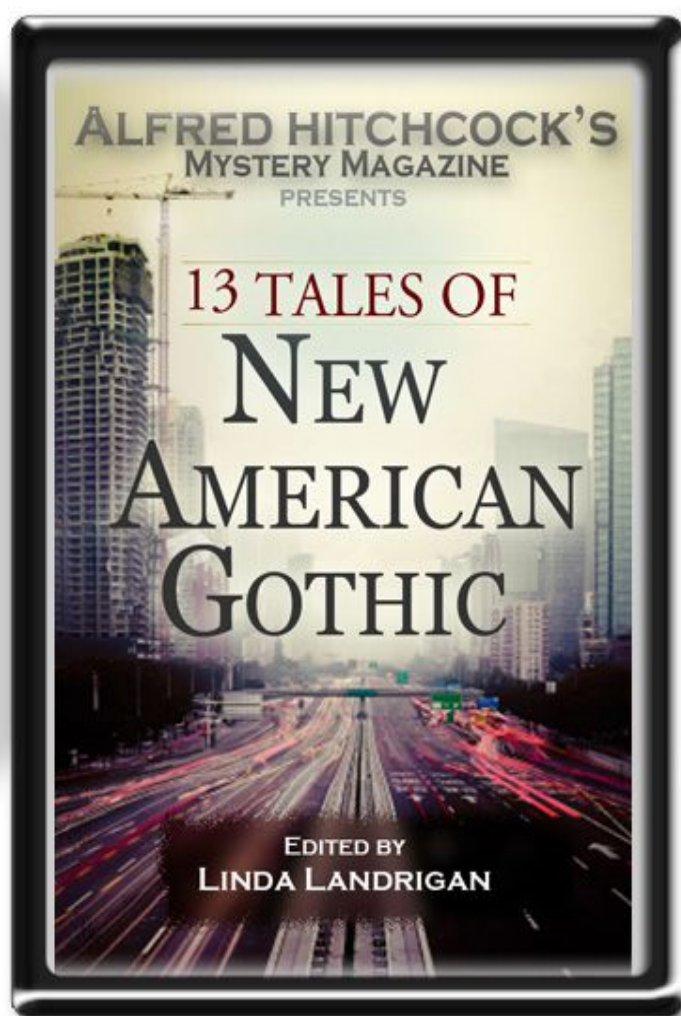
on the cusp, we turn to the Moon for answers. The Moon trines Pluto and Mars in the friend's second house of money, and Luna's last aspect before changing signs is a sextile to Saturn, which rules his second house. (Venus will leave Scorpio before the Moon can sextile it.) The Moon, ruling the loan, and Saturn, ruling the friend's house of money, are both in good aspect, strongly supporting the friend's action to secure a loan from the bank. Obtaining this loan would help his business because Mercury rules the builder's tenth house (the chart's eighth house, which has Virgo on the cusp). The planet Mercury applies to sextiles of both planets in his money house and also will receive a sextile from the Moon, ruling the loan. Judging by these indications, taking out a loan instead of asking my client to invest, seems to be the best option for both him and my client.



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While happy-go-lucky Sun and Jupiter contacts in relationships are considered benevolent, the Sun is inclined to take, while the Jupiter gives until nothing is left. The Sun is, after all, the ego in the chart.



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CELEBRITY SNAPSHOTS

Mark Zuckerberg
May 14, 1984, 2:39 P.M. (?)
White Plains, NY

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When a client's time of birth is unknown, an astrologer can set up a hypothetical chart and use it as a starting point for comparing it to planetary transits occurring at the time of various major events in the person's life and turning the chart to arrive at a time when those transits make meaningful connections that could explain those events. The resultant time is then considered a likely candidate for the client's time of birth. This process is called rectification.

Since various astrologers have concluded that Mark either has Aries, Cancer, Virgo, Sagittarius, Capricorn, or Aquarius Rising, it is clear that this complex process is not a precise science. Another starting point, however, involves working with the physical traits and various personality traits associated with the subject.



SUN IN TAURUS/MOON IN SCORPIO



Mark has six components in fixed signs, including his Taurus Sun and Venus and a Moon-Mars conjunction in Scorpio. This heavily anchored arrangement of personality components gives Zuckerberg a powerful ability to focus his energies, just what he needed to build the programming for his phenomenal social site Facebook. It also shows why he wants to be totally in control and never let go of his creations.

Physically, in his more contented moments, Mark reveals hints of the large bovine eyes of the Taurus Bull. When he becomes emotional or reacts to others, however, his eyes take on a laserlike Scorpionic focus, suggesting that he is preparing to pounce on distant prey.

With all this fixity, we'd expect Mark's physical features to show more square and cubical shapes, but what we see is a rather long and skewed face. This difference may be attributed to heredity, or it could be a product of a non-fixed Ascendant, perhaps one that is in a mutable sign.





Looking at Mark's facial structure, we see the offset features of mutability. This narrows our choices down to Virgo or Sagittarius Rising. The exceptionally long neck suggests a Centaur/Sagittarius Ascendant, but Mark also has a thin-bridged nose and a chin that recedes rather than protrudes like a horse's jaw.

Notably, a mid-range degree Virgo Ascendant would sextile Mark's Mars and Moon, while also trining his Venus and Jupiter. The Martian connection explains Mark's hyperactive persona, while the Jupiter aspects infuse the expansive qualities of Sagittarius.



SATURN SETS THE ARCH IN ONE'S CAREER

One's career or worldly position often builds when Saturn transits (counter-clockwise) up the right side of the chart to the Midheaven (the natural home of career-oriented, Saturn-ruled Capricorn). When the ringed planet moves down the left side of the chart toward the Nadir, however, one's status often diminishes.

When Mark launched the very successful Facebook (February 4, 2004), transiting Saturn was at 7° Cancer. With a Cancer Rising chart, Saturn sits in the twelfth or first house. With Aries or Aquarius, it is below the horizon. Sagittarius and Capricorn Rising put Saturn in the seventh house, but Saturn's upward swing in that case doesn't reflect the career conflicts that came a few years later. Our pick, therefore, is the chart proposed by astrologer Lauren Delsack with Virgo Rising, based on a birth time of 2:39 PM. (See her data at laurendelsack.wordpress.com.)

At the launch of Facebook, this chart has transiting Saturn peaking in Mark's tenth house, while Jupiter transits his Ascendant and Venus conjoins his Descendant. Both form a T-square with transiting Pluto, which closely opposes Mark's Midheaven. At this time, the Universe was

empowered to create the world's youngest billionaire!

Ms. Delsack also notes Saturn's down cycle. In 2007, Saturn hit Mark's twelfth house, the home of hidden enemies. At this time, Mark faced lawsuits from fellow Harvard students. He also launched Beacon, a social advertising system that enabled users to share information with Facebook friends. It drew huge privacy complaints and was shut down in 2009, just as transiting Saturn passed Mark's Ascendant. Shortly after, the film *The Social Network* was released to cast Mark's public persona in a very negative light. If he had a Capricorn or Sagittarius Ascendant, Saturn's transit would have been near the Midheaven. That scenario just doesn't fit!

With Virgo Rising, the ringed planet is transiting Mark's first quadrant through 2016. This is his time to shift from outer-world responsibilities and to focus instead on personal development. With his marriage and his large donations to schools and world-health programs, he seems to be learning the personal lessons that will bring the meaningful rewards he will receive when Saturn begins another climb to the top of his chart.

MAY 2015 EPHEMERIS

May 2015, 0 ^h E.S.T.				Geocentric Longitude							
May	Sidereal Time			Sun ☉	Mercury ♂	Venus ♀	Moon ☾	Mars ♂	Jupiter ♃	Saturn ♄	
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May 2015, 0 ^h E.S.T.				Declination and Geocentric Latitude							
May	Sun D	Moon D	Moon L	Mercury D	Mercury L	Venus D	Venus L	Mars D	Mars L	Jupiter D	
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19 7	9 45	15 10	21 12	8 24
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19 12	9 46	15 8	21 15	8 25
19 14	9 46	15 7	21 16	8 23
19 17	9 47	15 6	21 17	8 19

- Full Moon, May 3, 10:42 P.M., 13° ♍, 23'
- New Moon, May 17, 11:13 P.M., 26° ♊, 56'
- ☾ Sun enters Gemini, May 21, 3:45 A.M.

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May 2015, 0 ^h E.S.T. Declination and Geocentric Latitude Continued									
May	Jupiter ♃	Saturn ♄	Uranus ♅	Uranus ♅	Neptune ♆	Neptune ♆	Pluto ♇	Pluto ♇	
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SELF-GUIDANCE CHART

MAY 2015

The time recorded here is Eastern Standard Time (E.S.T.). Subtract 1 hour for Central Standard Time (C.S.T.); 2 hours for Mountain Standard Time (M.S.T.); 3 hours for Pacific Standard Time (P.S.T.). The use of each planetary grouping is given with the aspect, which is in force until the time given in the chart. Thus, Moon quincunx Sun is in effect until 6:46 A.M. E.S.T. on May 1; after this, Moon sextile Jupiter is in effect until 11:59 A.M. E.S.T. on May 1. An aspect between planets is in force for several days before the aspect culminates. Thus, Mercury sesquiquadrate Pluto has effect for several days before it culminates on May 1 at 5:22 A.M. E.S.T. and develops a frame of reference for intervening aspects. After Mercury sesquiquadrate Pluto, the next aspect between planets is Mars contraparallel Saturn on May 1 at 2:26 P.M. E.S.T., which forms a major frame of reference for intervening lunar aspects. When the frame of reference is favorable, it tends to mitigate retarding lunar forces; when it is not favorable, it tends to minimize lunar benefits. (Add one hour for Daylight Saving Time.)

LEGEND

LUMINARIES

- ☉ Sun
- ☾ Moon
- ☾ ☉ New Moon
- ☾ ☿ Full Moon
- ☾ ☐ ☿ Quarter Moon

PLANETS

- ☿ Mercury
- ♀ Venus
- ♂ Mars
- ♃ Jupiter
- ♄ Saturn
- ♅ Uranus
- ♆ Neptune
- ♇ Pluto

ASPECTS

- ☿ conjunction 0°, prominence
- ☿ ☐ ☐ semisextile 30°, growth
- ☿ ☐ ☐ semisquare 45°, friction
- ☿ ☐ ☐ sextile 60°, opportunity
- ☐ square 90°, obstacle
- ☐ trine 120°, luck
- ☐ ☐ sesquiquadrate 135°, agitation
- ☐ ☐ quincunx 150°, adjustment
- ☐ ☐ opposition 180°, separation
- || parallel, similar to ☐
- # contraparallel, similar to ☐
- D = direct in motion
- R = retrograde in motion

SIGNS

- ♈ Aries
- ♉ Taurus
- ♊ Gemini
- ♋ Cancer
- ♌ Leo
- ♍ Virgo
- ♎ Libra
- ♏ Scorpio
- ♐ Sagittarius
- ♑ Capricorn
- ♒ Aquarius
- ♓ Pisces

VOID-OF-COURSE MOON CHART

LAST ASPECT (EST)	MOON INGRESS (EST)	LAST ASPECT (EST)	MOON INGRESS (EST)
2 ☐ ☐ 9:04 AM	2 ♍ 8:48 PM	17 ☐ ☐ 11:13 PM	18 ♊ 4:28 AM
4 ☐ ☐ 8:50 PM	5 ♈ 6:13 AM	19 ☐ ☐ 12:58 PM	20 ♋ 8:57 AM
7 ☐ ☐ 12:52 PM	7 ♎ 1:17 PM	21 ☐ ☐ 7:37 PM	22 ♏ 4:43 PM
9 ☐ ☐ 3:36 PM	9 ♐ 6:23 PM	24 ☐ ☐ 5:50 AM	25 ♑ 3:52 AM
11 ☐ ☐ 5:37 AM	11 ♒ 9:54 PM	26 ☐ ☐ 9:22 PM	27 ♓ 4:43 PM
13 ☐ ☐ 11:56 AM	14 ♈ 12:15 AM	29 ☐ ☐ 3:21 PM	30 ♍ 4:34 AM
15 ☐ ☐ 7:05 AM	16 ♉ 2:04 AM		

Note: The Moon is void of course from the time it forms its last major aspect (conjunction, sextile, trine, square, opposition) to a planet until the time it enters a new sign. During this time, confusion prevails, plans or projects fail to materialize, and delays can be expected.

How the SUN, MOON, AND PLANETS INFLUENCE YOU DAILY

by RONNIE GRISHMAN

5/2015 Day/Date	Symbols & Aspects	E.S.T.	Guidance
Fri 1	☿ ♀ ☿	3:52 AM	The most prevalent theme is passivity. You're dreaming of someone.
	☿ ☿ ☿ 0° ♀ -15° ☿	5:22 AM	Some are caught in a mental loop, unable to stop thinking about something, or unable to express it without a negative feeling.
	☿ ♀ ☿	6:46 AM	It's hard to get going this morning. Stalling and daydreaming distract.
	☿ ☿ ☿	11:59 AM	Life feels bountiful, joyous; people charming; you happily indulgent.
	♂ ♀ ☿ 18° N-S	2:26 PM	Everything feels like a struggle. There are obstacles. You have to put your nose to the grindstone—be kind to yourself in the process.
	☿ ☿ ☿	4:09 PM	Interactions swell with discomfort, resistance, and pressure.
	☿ ☿ ☿	5:33 PM	Some fall over their words as ideas rush out at out-of-control speed.
	☿ ☿ ☿	8:54 PM	Those who were reliable need space or something more exciting.
	☿ ☿ ☿	9:25 PM	This may not be the time to expect fairness; maybe judgment instead.
	☿ ☿ ☿	9:38 PM	You shouldn't expect reliability now from those in your circle.
Sat 2	☿ ☿ ☿	7:24 AM	Morning actions are more clumsy than efficient. Watch good taste.
	☿ ☿ ☿	9:04 AM	You feel good about others and joke, share, support, and encourage.
	☿ ☿ ☿	9:45 AM	It's hard to keep your mind focused when distracted by someone.
	☿ ☿ ☿	1:30 PM	Imaginings or passivity may stand in the way of much getting done.
	☿ enters ☿	8:48 PM	
SUN 3	☿ ☿ ☿ 2° ♀ -17° ☿	1:26 AM	People express themselves quickly, abruptly, perhaps disruptively. Minds, plans change fast. Restlessness prevents settling down.
	☿ ☿ ☿	2:40 AM	You may not know how to easily express difficult feelings.
	☿ ☿ ☿	2:46 AM	It might be easier to settle down now if you can release worries.
	☿ ☿ ☿ 3° ♀ -♂	3:36 AM	Viewpoints are narrow, information limited. News, forecasts, foreign affairs are polarized. Organize. Create a strategic to-do list.
	☿ ☿ ☿	3:03 PM	The emotional and psychic reservoirs are rich and overflowing.
	☿ ☿ ☿	5:13 PM	Relating now may feel awkward, skirting around delicate feelings.
	☿ ☿ ☿ 13° ☿ -☿	10:42 PM	Passionate feelings about money, sex, and love create a stubborn polarization that breaks in a moment of urgency. Focus on resources.
	☿ ☿ ☿	11:05 PM	It's hard to pull the plug on excessive habits. Watch your desires.

5/2015	Symbols & Aspects	E.S.T.	Guidance
Mon 4	♄ ♄ ♄ 3°♈-18°♎	1:12 AM	Traditional forces holding onto the past (and the power) conflict with those on the vanguard of self-willed, progressive, yet unstable change.
	♄ ✕ ♀	2:43 AM	You feel capable and quietly in charge, but not very sociable.
	☉ □ ♄ 13°♏-Ω	4:03 AM	You might have great expectations but resources or capabilities may not match. Don't squander an opportunity or live only on excess.
	♄ π ♄	7:34 AM	An inner restlessness produces physical, emotional impatience.
	♄ ♂ ♂	8:50 PM	Appetites are strong. Some take a stand to have or defend them.
Tue 5	♄ π ♀	12:33 AM	It isn't easy to casually negotiate someone's hidden feelings.
	♄ enters ♈	6:13 AM	
	♄ # ☉	6:16 AM	If you haven't achieved inner balance, life outside hits potholes.
	♄ ∠ ♀	7:05 AM	Inner emotional complexities account for suspicious interactions.
	♄ ♂ ♄	11:38 AM	Feelings are contained or a sense of judgment may seem strict.
	♄ ♄ ♄	11:58 AM	You're impatient to get moving and may push others along to do so.
	♄ ♂ ♀	5:32 PM	Dichotomy and debate may replace interactive, informed discussion.
	♄ □ ♀	11:48 PM	It's easy now to get lost in your imagination and lose focus.
Wed 6	☉ △ ♀ 15°♏-♄	2:07 AM	Put your efforts into something with substantial value and you'll succeed in attaining your goal. Big improvements reverberate.
	♄ # ♄	2:48 AM	Optimism runs high, sending some online to look for easy contacts.
	♄ △ ♄	7:45 AM	Joy, confidence, and a positive attitude put pop in the morning.
	♄ ∨ ♀	10:51 AM	You're open to making an improvement with the help of another.
	♄ π ☉	11:33 AM	You're feeling carefree and casual—except for your cautious side.
	♀ ∠ ♄ 28°♏-13°Ω	3:39 PM	Some pour on the charm to match the social occasion; some are just genuinely joyful and share it with warmth and humor. Watch excess.
	♄ △ ♄	3:46 PM	Follow your impulses and you'll enjoy happy, enthusiastic expression.
Thu 7	♄ π ♂	7:24 AM	If you're indelicate emotionally or physically, it's easy to misstep.
	♄ ♄ ♄	11:13 AM	It's great to be outgoing, but even ebullience needs some containment.
	♄ ♂ ♀	12:52 PM	You need lots of stimulation from different people and activities.
	♄ enters ♄	1:17 PM	
	♄ ♄ ☉	4:54 PM	Being too acquisitive or ambitious ignores adjacent emotions.

5/2015	Symbols & Aspects	E.S.T.	Guidance
Thu 7	♀ enters ☾	5:52 PM	
	♊ √ ♎	6:12 PM	Maybe a little elbow grease will get that vision you have anchored.
Fri 8	♊ π ♀	4:25 AM	Explanations hit reserve, caution, and awkward information.
	♊ ✕ ♀	6:16 AM	You have compassion, reverence, faith, and a respect for tradition.
	♊ ☐ ♂	11:46 AM	It might be a bullheaded push, but it will likely get things done.
	♊ π ♊	2:12 PM	The balance shifts to and fro between discipline and indulgence.
	♊ # ♊	3:08 PM	Don't go overboard with a goal. Pare it down moderately.
	♊ ♂ ♀	4:48 PM	Use this focus to accomplish something, or make an improvement.
	♊ # ☐	8:03 PM	You need to find inner and outer balance to remain contented.
	♊ ∠ ♎	8:45 PM	An underlying bitterness makes positive thinking difficult now.
	♊ △ ☐	9:40 PM	Perfect precision between skill, drive, and application assures success.
	♊ ☐ ♀	9:47 PM	Feelings display, and disrupt, erratically, as if out of control.
	☐ √ ♀ 18° ♎-♏	11:35 PM	If you've been feeling bound to routine, take a break and do something unusual or new, or express a different side of yourself.
Sat 9	♊ ☐ ♀	8:39 AM	Vision is limited to necessity only. Discussions turn complicated.
	♊ ∠ ♀	8:47 AM	Distraction, confusion, and disorientation keep you off focus.
	♀ ☐ ♀ 9° ♏-♏	11:09 AM	A lack of clarity continues. Thinking is fogged, accuracy absent. Confusion, deception, or illusion underlies communications.
	♊ △ ♂	3:36 PM	There's drive and determination available to get just what you want.
	♊ enters ♎	6:23 PM	
	☐ ♊ 17° N	7:03 PM	Good cheer, goodwill, and a positive attitude can get you far in life, but you need to couple that with accurate judgment and moderation.
	♊ π ♀	10:35 PM	It might be hard to feel casually comfortable around everyone.
	♊ ✕ ♎	10:53 PM	People may now show warm feelings, and they're reliable and fair.
SUN 10	♀ π ♎ 2° ☐-♏	2:02 AM	A relationship created on dependency or need often requires a sacrifice or is cool when you'd like affection and security.
	♊ √ ♀	10:54 AM	Take a moment to connect with your inner guide. Trust a friend.
	♊ △ ♀	12:11 PM	Answers are smart, funny. Connections are genial and agreeable.
	♊ ♂ ♊	6:52 PM	Energy peaks to claim attention with a lover or your social circle.

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SUN 10	♌ ♁ ♀	9:01 PM	Something to which you were indifferent may begin to tempt you.
Mon 11	♌ ✕ ♏	2:05 AM	Linking up online or in person is a friendly, stimulating affair.
	♌ ☐ ♀	2:40 AM	Someone may press emotional buttons you're not comfortable with.
	♌ ☐ ☉	5:37 AM	<i>Satisfaction is marred by cross needs. Money and friends clash.</i>
	♌ ♐	8:06 PM	Take a moment for an easy moment of distraction or diversion.
	♂ enters ♏	9:41 PM	
	♌ enters ♏	9:54 PM	
	♌ ☐ ♂	9:55 PM	You're angry, impatient, uncertain, and snap out in some direction.
	♌ ∠ ♀	10:34 PM	Some are easily wounded, and some easily do the wounding.
Tue 12	♌ ☐ ♏	2:02 AM	Dependency or depression may keep sleep or rest at bay.
	♌ ∠ ♏	3:41 AM	If you're fidgety or nervous, you might be up pacing now.
	♂ # ♀ 20° N-S	6:14 AM	You've got a storehouse of energy that needs a disciplined, worthy purpose. Consider your options. Try to avoid underhanded tactics.
	♌ △ ♀	6:18 AM	Family love feels warm, secure, caring. Bonds, breakfast nurture.
	♌ # ♏	8:09 AM	Even if you're seeking a passive corner, nerves are pretty jumpy.
	♂ ☐ ♀ 0° ♏ -15° ♏	10:46 AM	You may find that succeeding at what you want to do benefits from some kind of surreptitious action. Do it without harming others.
	♌ ♂ ♐	2:04 PM	Psychic sensitivity is high, as is artistry and soulful feelings.
	♌ ☐ ♀	5:29 PM	It's hard to make a point, causing frustration, snappiness, impatience.
	♌ π ♏	10:07 PM	It's easy to pitch toward excess emotionally. Avoid substances.
	♌ ✕ ♀	11:50 PM	What went wrong can be fixed. Strength and softness combine well.
Wed 13	♌ ♁ ♏	5:00 AM	If you've got a feeling about something, why not follow your hunch?
	♌ ✕ ☉	11:56 AM	Balance between the soulful and material brings you security.
	☉ # ♏ 18° N-S	4:58 PM	You feel you've got too much on your plate or that the rewards are slim for your hard work. Don't let this limit your long-range vision.
	♌ ☐ ♏	11:21 PM	Emotional reactions may be classified as theatrical, not realistic.
Thu 14	♌ enters ♏	12:15 AM	
	♌ ✕ ♂	2:51 AM	Engage in something physically or mentally stimulating. Get moving.

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Thu 14	☾ △ ♏	4:02 AM	You can pursue a goal or be there reliably if you do it with control.
	☾ □ ♀	12:34 PM	Insecurity, defensiveness, or dependency can lead to overeating.
	☾ ∠ ☉	2:42 PM	You're anxious to get moving but may also be feeling cautious.
	☾ ♁ ♀	4:12 PM	Behind each impulsive action is a tiny bit of inner guidance.
	☾ ✕ ♀	9:01 PM	Talk is clear, crisp, smart, humorous, stimulating. Be creative.
Fri 15	☾ △ ♏	12:27 AM	You're joyfully appreciative of your good fortune. Love thrives.
	♂ ♂ ♏ 2° ♏ -♂	1:04 AM	Obstacles and frustrations mount. Actions are stymied by an opposition blockade. Hard work is necessary. Timing is crucial.
	☾ □ ♀	1:45 AM	Internal pressure makes interactive negotiations hard to maneuver.
	☾ ☐ ♏	4:49 AM	There's a martial energy to take over and block your authority.
	☾ ∠ ♂	5:02 AM	You blurt out or act out without forethought, edging on anger.
	☾ ♂ ♏	7:05 AM	Impulses press change, disruption, anxiety. Expect the unexpected.
	☾ ♏	8:11 AM	You have no patience to sit still or wait for anyone who's slower.
	☾ ∠ ♀	5:07 PM	Those ready to rush forward falter in a bit of stalling confusion.
	☾ ♁ ☉	5:22 PM	If you take action toward it, you can garner the security you seek.
	☾ # ♀	7:30 PM	Sensitivity makes it hard to stay angry, but feelings swirl confusingly.
	☾ ∠ ♀	10:24 PM	You might react hastily or criticize. Snap decisions won't endure.
Sat 16	☾ enters ♏	2:04 AM	
	☾ π ♏	5:36 AM	You may not feel secure in what you have or what you need.
	☾ ♁ ♂	7:13 AM	Acting on a bright idea can get you closer to something you need.
	♀ △ ♀ 9° ☉ -)	1:49 PM	Love feels sweet, soothing, enchanted. You care for those in need with heart and compassion. Artistry and nature are divinely inspired.
	☾ ✕ ♀	6:06 PM	You are sensitive to the enjoyment of earthy and spiritual pleasures.
	☾ ✕ ♀	6:27 PM	You tend to loved ones with devotion, caring, comfort, and food.
	☾ ♁ ♀	11:46 PM	Be open to grounding a bright idea or offering practical information.
SUN 17	♂ ∠ ♏ 3° ♏ -18° ♏	2:09 AM	If you act impulsively, recklessly, you create careless disruptions and risk injury. Find a safe outlet for erratic, restless ego energies.
	☾ □ ♏	2:45 AM	You're likely to think "big," including food, gifts, and price tags.

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SUN 17	☾ △ ♀	3:39 AM	Put your skill and drive into achieving something and you will.
	☾ ♁ ♀	9:17 AM	If you get the chance for some diversity, why not go for it?
	☾ ∠ ♀	9:45 PM	A sense of laziness, indulgence, sentimentality rule at home.
	☾ ♂ ⊙ 26° ♀	11:13 PM	<i>Plant the seeds for things to happen that align with your values, especially financial ones. Money and possessions require attention.</i>
Mon 18	☾ enters ♊	4:28 AM	
	☾ ☐ ♀	5:00 AM	If you try too hard to hold on, even to an idea, it creates struggle.
	☾ ♂ ♀	7:51 AM	A limited viewpoint can also be seen as an efficient tunnel vision.
	☾ ∠ ♀	10:50 AM	Some are too jittery to sit still or wait, eager to be on the move.
	☾ ♂ ♂	12:27 PM	Intellectual and physical energy need a stimulating, assertive outlet.
	☾ ♄	4:43 PM	If you're feeling good, you might share it by telling a joke.
	♂ SR @ 13° ♊	8:49 PM	
	☾ ☐ ♀	9:04 PM	Confusion and uncertainty set in. You don't know what to do.
Tue 19	☾ ♁ ♀	1:38 AM	A small gesture or little remark at the right time does the trick.
	☾ ♂ ♀	3:07 AM	People talk! A stimulated intellect has info, needs to express fast!
	☾ ✕ ♄	6:25 AM	There's a gracious appreciation of all that's good in your life.
	☾ π ♀	6:52 AM	Can you find a way to release a resistant emotional pattern?
	☾ ✕ ♀	12:58 PM	Get out and enjoy new people and unusual, interesting experiences.
	♂ ♁ ♀ 13° ♊ - ☾	8:12 PM	Conversationalists are sweet and receptive, responsive to a compliment or kind word. Time spent with kin feels good.
Wed 20	☾ # ♀	2:18 AM	Rigidity might replace receptivity; or worry keeps you from sleep.
	☾ ♁ ☾	7:29 AM	Take a moment this morning to settle something within the family.
	☾ # ♀	7:39 AM	Matters need consolidation, or some kind of accounting is required.
	☾ enters ☾	8:57 AM	
	☾ ∠ ♄	9:14 AM	It's easy to overdo on breakfast; same goes for sentimentality.
	☾ π ♀	12:13 PM	Structure replaces easygoing feelings. Some look to control them.
	☾ ♁ ♂	8:21 PM	You're emotionally charged to take action. Do so on a good idea.

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Thu 21	☽ △ ♀	2:33 AM	You sense what's going to happen or what others are feeling.
	☉ enters ♊	3:45 AM	
	♄ ♀ 15° ♈ -♄	6:39 AM	If you want to "go big or go home" in expanding your domain, don't break accepted rules or antagonize those with power.
	☽ ♄ ♀	8:30 AM	If you need to express how you feel, the words will come now.
	☉ ♄ 0° ♊ -15° ♈	10:15 AM	You want things to change, but seek transformation without manipulation of others or life events. Self-improvement is the key.
	☽ ♄ ♀	12:08 PM	Love for family, food, and country swells hearts, secures domesticity.
	☽ ♄ ♄	12:51 PM	There are emotional or home pressures from the outside world.
	☽ ♄ ♄	12:55 PM	Find pleasure in the small things in life and your mood will lift.
	☽ ∠ ☉	1:04 PM	It might be easy to feel slighted or to respond defensively.
	☽ ♄ ♄	3:35 PM	There are inhibiting traps to hiding in emotional "safe houses."
	☽ ☐ ♄	7:37 PM	People are restless, impertinent, looking for something new to do.
	☽ ♄	7:55 PM	Now's the time to look for the bright side and pass it along.
	♀ ♄ 15° ♈ -♄	8:53 PM	Negative or dark feelings compel relationships, but these desires polarize alliances. Break emotional patterns to transform a union.
	♀ ♄ ♄ 15° ♈ -♈	11:01 PM	If things have eased up a bit, there's joy and comfort to be found with a loved one, child, or romantic companion. Enjoy it.
Fri 22	☽ ∠ ♂	1:46 AM	Acting out of emotional defensiveness brings careless reactions.
	☽ ♄ ♄	6:35 AM	You may be too emotional or clouded to get a clear sense of anything.
	☽ ∠ ♀	12:12 PM	Hurt feelings might prompt some to speak unkindly, or to recede.
	☽ enters ♈	4:43 PM	
	☽ ✕ ☉	7:48 PM	Joy, confidence, creativity, intelligence, humor—home life sparkles.
	☽ △ ♄	7:52 PM	Being structured yet fair and cooperative wins your family's trust.
	☉ ♄ ♄ 1° ♊ -♄	8:36 PM	Stiff divides keep people, projects, and diplomatic negotiations polarized. Hard work is needed to barricade through obstacles.
Sat 23	☉ # ♄ 20° N-S	2:54 AM	If alliances became more rigid, they might have brought out resentments and controlling manipulations in those involved.
	♀ ♄ ♄ 16° ♈ -1° ♄	4:02 AM	Isolation within your own emotional or domestic territory can keep you dependent, insecure, or dealing with an actual separation.
	☽ ✕ ♂	8:16 AM	Put on a happy face and enjoy all sorts of morning stimulations.
	☽ ♄ ♄	11:32 AM	It's easy to sit back and be passive or turn feelings into melodrama.

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Sat 23	☿ ✕ ♀	4:35 PM	The creative muse flows through words, art, children, and love.
	♀ ♂ 22° N	6:21 PM	You're eager to take action when working with a smart plan, which brings effective results. Keep "fast" in control and you can go places.
	☿ ✕ ♀	10:22 PM	Who's in control or has the power is the underlying feeling now.
	☿ ✕ ♀	11:06 PM	Love feels grand. Indulge a child or partner with affection or a gift.
SUN 24	☿ ✕ ♀	3:07 AM	Sharing easy affections makes for a comfortable environment.
	☿ △ ♀	5:50 AM	You approach the day with a confident, enthusiastic spontaneity.
Mon 25	☿ # ♀	2:44 AM	This may be the time to find an easy diversion, like music or TV.
	☿ enters ♀	3:52 AM	
	☿ ☐ ♀	4:16 AM	You maybe too wound up, unable to see the larger picture.
	☿ ☐ ♀	6:48 AM	Cynicism, criticism, and pessimism replace a positive attitude.
	☿ ☐ ♀ 4° ♀ -19° ♀	8:33 AM	Some feel so nervous or impatient they create unruly disruptions just to create change, feel excitement, express self-willed behavior.
	☿ ☐ ♀	12:01 PM	It takes consideration to skirt around others' moody idiosyncrasies.
	☿ ☐ ♀	12:02 PM	Moods, methods, and procedures fall into quirky misalignment.
	♀ ☐ ♀ 19° ♀ -♀	12:10 PM	Some need space from emotional commitments and break away suddenly, unstably. Those usually dependable might not be so.
	☿ ☐ ☐	12:19 PM	<i>If you're self-critical or too judgmental, inner balance is amiss.</i>
	☿ ♀	3:02 PM	Nerves are jangled, reason obscured, behavior unstable.
	♂ ☐ ♀ 9° ♀ -☿	6:39 PM	It's easy to get lost, feel uncertain, give up, before getting started. Energy is weakly directed, easily drained; actions passive-aggressive.
	☿ ☐ ♀	11:33 PM	Allergies may bother some, or feelings may influence your health.
Tue 26	☿ ☐ ♀	11:52 PM	You're irritated, aggravated, and itching to take it out on someone.
	☿ ☐ ♀	2:43 AM	Divert important conversations. Moods are picky, critical, gossipy.
	☿ △ ♀	10:36 AM	You've got the discipline for self-improvement and will succeed.
	☿ ✕ ♀	12:06 PM	If you shop for a little item now, you'll be pleased with what you get.
	♀ ☐ 21° N	1:05 PM	Your mind and your heart are likely in agreement, so you feel ready to announce an intention or goal or make a point. Sellers are smart.
	☿ ✕ ♀	6:35 PM	It's hard to contain or control edgy, impatient, restless feelings.
	☿ ✕ ♀	9:22 PM	Doing something for or with a loved one makes you both feel good.

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Wed 27	☿♂♂10°♊	5:37 AM	Engines are firing on all cylinders! In your brain, in your body, in your car. Chase stimulating expression, but watch too-fast testy clashes.
	♀♂♂21°♊-6°♊	12:45 PM	Some might be shy or withdrawn or easily hurt in a social or family situation. A little caring finesse could help someone feel at ease.
	♂ enters ♎	4:43 PM	
	♂♂♂♂	6:54 PM	Luxury tastes move you to indulgence and charming extravagance.
	♂✕♏	7:17 PM	Appetites are restrained, order restored. Look for a fair judgment.
Thu 28	☿♂♂20°N-S	5:33 AM	A secret may play a part in current communication, but try not to be the one who divulges private information. Look for hidden meaning.
	♂♂♂	6:32 AM	You feel easily connected to good-willed others and chat uplifts.
	♂♂♂	12:24 PM	There isn't much assertive energy. It's hard to rouse anyone to action.
	♂♂☿	1:01 PM	It's easy and fun to chat with friends or go out for lunchtime shopping.
	♂♂♂	4:25 PM	If you act fast on a good idea, it will benefit both you and others.
	♂♂♂	11:11 PM	Try not to let simmering bad feelings create emotional rigidity.
Fri 29	♂♂♂♂	1:16 AM	You may feel down or pessimistic. Look for something to organize.
	♂✕♂	1:24 AM	Expect good feelings, goodwill, good looks, and joyous appreciation.
	☿♂♂9°♊-♏	2:01 AM	It's hard to tell fact from fiction or express exactly what you mean. Meanings are obscured. Try creative writing or journaling instead.
	♂♂♂	7:18 AM	People are impatient and restless, uprooting morning routines.
	♂♂♂	9:20 AM	Edginess still prevails, making it hard to settle into early tasks.
	♂♂♂	3:05 PM	Interactivity is high, but fun talk can turn to insincere flattery.
	♂♂♀	3:21 PM	Relations are marred by reserve, insecurities, or small defenses.
	♂♂☿	5:35 PM	You've got a lot to say, but staying on point may be difficult.
	♂♂♂	6:18 PM	It's easy to fall off focus and lost track of what you were saying.
	♂♂♂	8:51 PM	It's time to release the duties of the day and find a relaxing diversion.
Sat 30	♂♂♂♂	12:00 AM	You're still up for some action and look around for playmates.
	♂ enters ♏	4:34 AM	
	♂♂♂♂	6:42 AM	Here's a chance to stabilize any feelings of discontent.
	☿♂♀9°♊-24°♊	9:26 AM	It might take a little bit of finesse to negotiate family or social relations this morning, but everyone's involved and interested.

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Sat 30	☿♂⊙8°♊	11:56 AM	A lot gets said; a big announcement, local news, an invitation. Ideas express head/heart alignment. Words overflow with information.
	♎♋☿	9:32 PM	It's hard to contain or explain everything that you're feeling inside.
	♎♋⊙	10:49 PM	You need to seek balance between what you think and what you feel.
	♎♊♎	11:31 PM	Intuition and peace flow subtly through your emotional senses.
SUN 31	♀♎♎24°♋9°♋	3:17 AM	You see the best in others and want to help if you can. You're a caretaker with heart, but don't let anyone take advantage of you.
	♎♋♂	6:45 AM	You may jump with words or awkward action to expel irritations.
	⊙♎♎9°♊-♋	8:08 AM	You may feel confused or uncertain, lacking confidence, about who you are and where or how you fit in. Look inside spiritually.
	♎♋♂	9:40 AM	You've got fortitude and resolve to apply to an ongoing project.
	♎♎♎	12:32 PM	Excess overtakes moderation and reason. Will it be money, food, sex?
	♎♋♎	5:41 PM	You're easily upset. Someone may have an emotional outburst.

Intercepted signs in a chart lead to some mixed signals. One man with Gemini and Cancer ruling his fourth house of residence commented, “I make a home wherever I go.” This statement reflected his Cancerian need for nest-building; however, Gemini on the cusp led to diverse needs and experiences. He had homes in various major cities of the world, including London, Rome, Berlin, and San Francisco.

Uranus is the planet of individuality. One woman with Aquarius Rising and eight planetary aspects to her Uranus was known by friends and family as a real off-beat character. Her total disregard for what the great “they” thought and her flagrant disruption of the status quo reflect the freedom-loving idealism of this quirky sign and planet.

When transiting Neptune makes a harsh aspect to a person’s Venus, planet of relationships, the person will oftentimes fall passionately in love. Unfortunately, mutual adoration is slow in coming, if at all. Too often the overly strong desire for a loving relationship on the part of the Venus-Neptune person causes the imagination to make more of a relationship than actually exists.

The book cover features a central image of a woman's face, looking directly at the viewer. The background is a deep purple and blue sky filled with stars and soft, wispy clouds. The title 'A WOMAN'S LIBERATION' is printed in large, white, serif capital letters across the upper portion of the cover, partially overlapping the woman's forehead and the sky.

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Longer days and sunny weather usually perk up the spirits of those entering the summer season. However, the warmer months also can bring a good deal of frustration and anxiety for parents of children who require constant entertainment while school is out of session. That's where astrologer Tien Starling comes in! In this playful sign-by-sign guide, Starling provides overwhelmed guardians with creative solutions and fun activities for every child under the sun. Plenty of time spent socializing with the neighborhood kids is a must for a Gemini, but also a Scorpio, who might need some prodding if her head is stuck in a book. And don't be surprised if your ever-practical Capricorn child sets up shop at his lemonade stand all summer. Whatever their personality types, you'll find a recreation sure to delight your little ones in next month's issue!

JAMES GARNER

"A Hollywood celebrity and a nice guy" is a description not heard very often nowadays, as astrologer Nancy Frederick points out. Yet, born during the Depression and raised intermittently by an alcoholic father, abusive step-mother, and various relatives after the early death of his mother, James Garner built upon his youthful struggles and boasted a personality worthy of the kind words spoken of him after his death last year. By all accounts, remaining humble and sweet even after experiencing fame, this Aries actor was always a champion of the underdog. Make sure to pick up next month's issue to discover how a Moon in Scorpio, two Grand Trines, and other astrological configurations affected the events of his life—including his time at war, award nominations, and lifelong marriage.

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